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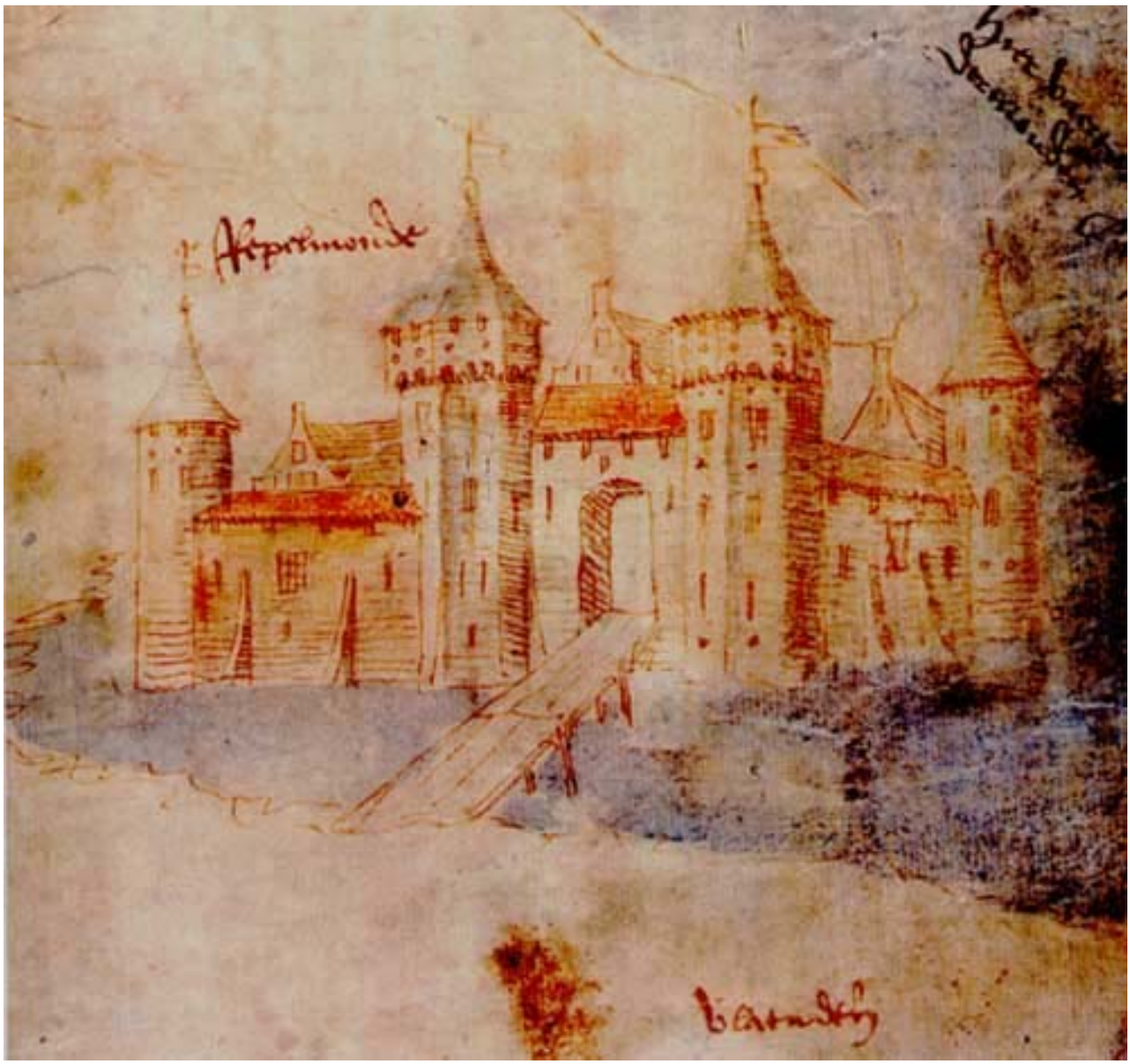

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Dear Members,

No matter how I tried I could not shrink this issue down any more than I did…
More members are sending in articles to be included in Belgian Laces and I really appreciate this!
The internet is constantly opening new avenues for our research. I wish there was a way to put everything we find in Belgian Laces, but of course, that just can't be.
The mailing lists online are a fountain of information but also a place where new friendships can be formed.
I had the opportunity to be reunited with not-so-distant cousins thanks to the kindness of someone in Belgium, who contacted them directly. What would have taken weeks, maybe even months, was accomplished within hours.
The power of this tool to reunite families as well as to do research can never be exaggerated. It never ceases to amaze me.
The next issue will include information about cemetery records in Belgium, right on the web… Hope you remember to send in your renewals for 2005!
Take good care,
Régine

Henin-Hardenne Wins Tennis Gold Medal

Associated Press - ATHENS, Greece
Posted on Sat, Aug. 21, 2004

Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne added an Olympic gold medal to her three Grand Slam titles, beating France's Amelie Mauresmo 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday in a matchup of the top two women in the rankings.
Belgium's first gold at these Olympics came in an impressive return for the top-ranked Henin-Hardenne.
She brought Belgium its second tennis medal ever: Dominique Van Roost and Els Callens won a doubles bronze at the 2000 Sydney Games.
IOC president Jacques Rogge, a Belgian, was in the stands for Saturday night's final.

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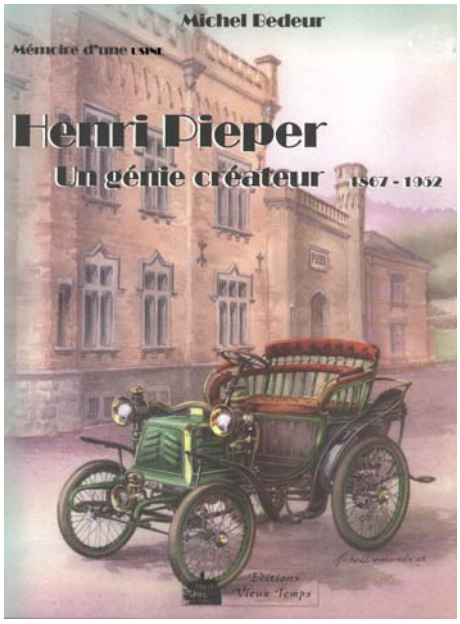

"Histoire de l'Usine Pieper-Impéria (Vol.1)"

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First Edition: 30 November 2003
http://membres.lycos.fr/bedeur/

Bernarde DEBOUNY gives a wonderful review of this book on page 72 of this issue of Belgian Laces.
If you want to know the full story about this prodigious inventor, make sure to get your copy of Michel BEDEUR's book, from which these few lines were translated.
He traces back the lives of Henry PIEPER and his son. He tells of the inventions the latter produced as one of the precursors of electricity in Belgium and the inventor of a mixed car (that is functionning with both gasoline and electricity). This book will hook those interested in the history of car building in Belgium and most particularly in the Province of Liège. You will find technical details and sketches of cars you never knew existed. This is the result of 10 years of research.

The book is in French and can be ordered at "Automag" for 35€ (appr. US$ 43.40) (+ shipping).
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Volume 2 to be released in October

"Histoire d'une Usine: Impéria, un Empire Automobile Belge" (Vol.2)

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This long awaited book relates the 50 years story of an entirely Belgian make. It should appeal to all who are interested in the history of car building in Belgium, and particulary in the Liège region. The big names in car makers are mentioned: Ata, Piedboeuf, Imperia, Springuel, Nagant, Metalurgique, Excelsior, Minerva, Standard, Vanguard, and Triumph.
The 2nd Volume of the Story of the Nessonvaux factory describes the best years of the Imperia automobiles. It contains much information as well as 400 unpublished illustrations.
In French, 288 pages, 24 x 30(cm)
Available in bookstores after Oct 30th, 2004,for 50 Euros.
Save $5 by ordering directly from the site listed above before September 30th. For cost of shipping to the US, use the contact link at the webpage.

Personal Review on "Histoire de l'Usine Pieper-Impéria (Vol.1)"

by Bernardine DEBOUNY and Joseph BEAUJEAN (Belgium)

Pictures scanned from the book by Jean-Marie DONNAY with permission from Michel BEDEUR

The whole PIEPER family: To the far right, Armand and his wife; Henri (Sr.) on the right; Henri (Jr) with glasses in the center, almost hidden; Emile Beckin sitting to the left, with a goatee holds his wife Josephine's hand; Catherine Elisabeth Pieper (mother); Nicolas, Jeanne, Martin, Elise, Juliette Pieper, Auguste Coub and Walroux, the lawyer.

In the first volume, Henri PIEPER is introduced. Around 1866, he emigrated from Soest (Rhineland-Westfalia, Germany) and settled in Verviers for a short time then moved to the northern part of Liège.
Born Heinrich PIEPER, he changed his name to Henri.
He manufactured gun parts and established his workshop at #30 Rue des Bayards. Over time it would become a gun manufacture.
Henri PIEPER's house still stands Rue des Bayards, next to what used to be his factory.
According to the author, Henri Pieper died after a long illness. More than 2,000 people attended his funeral, among whom many well known industrial figures (local and national) of the time.
Complete family pictures are included in this book along with some of Martin Herman, Auguste Courberet and the lawyer Warroux.
After Henri's death, his sons divided the work. Henry continued the research on automobile and electricity while Nicolas became director of the newly founded society "Liège-Nessonvaux". Armand would handle delivery of goods for automobiles and the railroad.
In 1989, the PIEPER were still represented the Rudge Witworth & Witworth, Cycles – the high life machine-
In Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Russia, Rumania, etc"

Jan 27th, 1885, Berlin – Standing from left to right: Mrs Rathenau, Henri Pieper Sr, Mina Miller, future bride of Edison Emile Bede, Thomas Edison, Oscar Von Miller; Mrs Von Miller – In front: Dr Manrodt, Edison's daughter from first marriage; Mrs Jordan and Baurat Jordan

Henri PIEPER (son) was born in Liège on 31 March 1867. He was mostly interested in electricity and at age 16y got a patent (Dec 1883) for a light. In 1885, at 18, represented by his father, he signed a contract, with the famous American inventor Thomas Edison, (then 37 y old) and his powerful company.
Heinrich Pieper and son were called in an emergency, by telegram, to arrange the lighting for the state funeral[1] of Victor Hugo in 1885, under the Arch of Triumph in Paris.

The powerful Algemeine Electricitäts Gesellschaft (A.E.G., directed by a friend of Henri Pieper, Emil RATHENAU) tried to get Henri Pieper (son) to come to work for him but Henry prefered to remain in Belgium.
At that time, Walter Rathenau, Emil's son, married Elise Pieper (4th child of the Pieper-Leroy couple). German politician during the difficult post war years (WWI), he was assassinated in 1922.

Pieper (son) signed a contract with the "Compagnie des Tramways liégeois" in June 1892 to electrify the connection between Coronmeuse and Grand-Puits

The building of 'Pieper Cycles" negan in the first months of 1897.
On a posterboard, drawn in 1900 by Emile Berchlans (famous painter and artist from Liège, who married Joséphine Pieper in 1896) we can see the sketch that was given to identify the brand. Joséphine shows up in the drawings.

[1] Over 3 million people attended this funeral.

Because they had outgrown the building of the rue Bayard, Pieper bought land in Nessonvaux by his “forges” which he had already purchased in 1890. There, in spite of the complaints of a neighbore, Jules HEUZE, he received permission to build a factory in 1894, at the place called "Gomelevay" right next to his old “ancienne forge”.

The funeral card of Henri PIEPER, Sr (p 34)

The death of Henri Henri Pieper, 57
Consul of Mexico,
Officer of the Order of Léopold,
Commander of the Order of the
Double Blue Dragon of China,
Administrator Representative of the
National War Arms Fabric in Herstal &
Of the International Electric Company

is announced in Liège, on 23 August 1898

By his widow, née Elisabeth LEROY

And children: Henri Pieper,
Mr. & Mrs. Emile BERCHMANS (née Joséphine Pieper)
Mr. Nicolas Pieper
Miss Elise Pieper
Mr. Armand Pieper
Mr. & Mrs. Auguste LAMBRECHTS (née Jeanne Pieper)
Miss Juliette Pieper

Funeral Services held
at the Sainte-Foy Church on 26 August 1898
Burial in the Ste Walburge Cemetery, in Liège

The “Etablissements Pieper Liège-Nessonvaux” were founded on 18 Aug 1898, with a council formed by Henri Pieper (Sr), Henri Pieper (son), Nicolas Pieper, Georges Rocour, Godefroid Plesseria; the commissionners were Emile Berchmans-Pieper, Léon Polain, John Barbou de Roosteren and Etienne Muller.

In 1904, the company meets with some difficulties and the sale in announced for June 1904. This seems to have marked the beginning of the liquidation of the automobile department, the bicycles, rue des Bayards, 20 in Liège.
Another company, "Anciens Etablissements Pieper" is formed in 1905. It was focused on manufacturing arms only, and a new factory was built in Herstal, rue de la Petite Foxhalle.

From then on the Pieper children separate themselves from the business and although they remain shareholders they leave the council. This company remained in existence until 1950 and disappeared altogether about 1958.
Henri ne would only work on invention and electricity, at 30, quai Coronmeuse.
Nicolas opened a small workshop where he continued to develop guns (in 1910, rue Bonne-Nouvelle au 42)
Armand would concentrate on automobile and train parts.

During WW1, Henri and Nicolas created many toys for the company “Le Jouet Liégeois” (workshop located at 22-23 rue d'Ecosse, who emplyed war invalids)

In February 1923, Henri is among the founders of the “Compagnie Internationale des Freins Automatiques” (International Company of Automatic Brakes)
In 1931, he left Liège for Brussels - 90, avenue Franklin Roosevelt – to be closer to the administration of the Electric company.
From 1947 to 1951, il tried tirelessly to finetune an automobile engine but an illness and the death of his wife slowed him down and he never finished the project.
Towards the end of his life he was working on a water engine for car.
He died in Brussels in 1952.
He requested that his death remain unpublicized and it was not until several weeks after he died that the newspaper would mention his passing.
It must be noted that Henri PIEPER was forgotten by his native town. There are no street in Liège with his name and he was not even mentioned once in the book "Apports de Liège aux progrès des sciences et des techniques" published in 1981.

Henri PIEPER’s grave

Saint Walburge Cemetery
Photo courtesy of Joseph Beaujean -beaujeanjoseph@yahoo.fr

Verdict for Witchcraft Elisabeth VLAMINX - 1595

Translation by Ed Blomme, Jan.2002

Source: http://www.kulak.ac.be/facult/rechten/Monballyu/Rechtlagelanden/Heksenvlaanderen/vonnissenhekserij.htm

In Belgian Laces Vol 22 # 84 Jos Smits wrote an excellent article detailing the story of A Real Witch In The FAES Family.

In my genalogical research in the Blomme-Vlaeminck family, the usual roadblocks crept up not the least of which was the name variations for my mother's name VLAEMINCK. Not only in the immediate family were documents spelled variously Vlaminck, Vlamink or Vlaming., the further back I went into the 1600s others crept up : de Vlaeminck and the above variations as well as Vlaminx or Vlaeminckx !

Of course, we all know that this should not really surprise us (not everyone was lucky to be called Blomme which lends itself to very few variations) as we know that parish registers were written often by less than well educated persons; no corrections could be made by the submitters as their inability to read or write prevented them from spotting any mistakes. Add to that the numerous invasion and occupations of Flanders throught the centuries, which often entailed the occupier in insisting to give the names a foreign twist. So there are ancestors who may be baptized Joannes, they get married as Jan, but register their children again in the Latin Joannes, only to die under the French Regime as Jean. Who says genealogy is boring?

My search for the Vlaminx variation led me to a website of the Faculty of Law which detailed the original text of an actual verdict rendered in 1595 against one Elisabeth VLAMINX.

I was appalled being forced to imagine that this was written by the then most educated class in society. Surely nobody could believe people could fly through the air, or have sexual intercourse with a devil, whose name could only have been transmitted from the past by those who could read? But what struck me as the height of cynicism was the last sentence that did not forget the Court was entitled to its share of the confiscations!

Further research into the subject brought me to another fail-safe test for the miscarriage of justice (apart from torture): They tied the ladies arm to her ankles and threw her into the river. If she sank and drowned, her innocence was proven; if somehow she managed to float and survive, this was prove of the devil's interference and therefore she was guilty and burned at the stake!

The translated text of poor Elisabeth' s verdict follows. The fractured composition is as it appeared in the original.

" 5 Gent, 23 December 1595: Elisabeth Vlamincx

Because you, Elisabeth Vlaminx daughter of Joos, born in Ninove, wife of Ghysbrecht Ghuens, if otherwise named or nicknamed, have persisted, forgetting God and his commandments, denying him and your faith and communing with the evil enemy from hell, called Beelzebuth by you, to whom you gave yourself voluntarily over three to four years, and having received from him immediately a mark under your left armpit in full knowledge and feeling having called the forenamed enemy upon your body with delight. That furthermore you have allowed the same enemy (at least twice) to transport you bodily during the night to the hazel bush at Poelaere, and in fact the last trip, a month or six weeks ago, after eating, you danced and traveled through the greenery, you the seventh or eighth amongst whom were several women of whom now some have been executed by burning, as well as your Beelzebuth and one other, that you considered to be the same, both dressed in white jackets and French tronkillekens and where you brought in your lap a cold stew, prepared by you at home beforehand; and yes, what is worse, you, falling on your knees, offered it to the same Beelzebuth and by him having been taken aside, you allowed him to treat and use you indecently, all of which it appeared to the Court, as well as by your Confession under torture or otherwise that all ungodly, execrable and detestable affairs of evil consequence, is deserving corporal punishment as example for others : Therefore , the Court doing justice, condemns you to a scaffold on the saint Pharailde-place (in Ghent) to be executed at the stake,with fire, so death will follow; declaring all your property in loan, ownership or cathey where ever it may stand or lie forfeited to our honourable king, having deducted the expenses of justice beforehand. Announced the 23 December 1595 and executed the same day."

Kathelyne Duerincx of Waasmunster, Belgium
http://www.duerinck.com/heks.html
Kevin F. Duerinck
In October 1538, she was accused of being a witch, shaved, tortured, imprisoned at the castle in Rupelmonde, Belgium, succeeded in escaping for 8 days, then was burned at the stake in the town center of Sint Niklaas, Belgium. She and her family were then billed for the search party, the wood used to burn her, her food, etc. The castle no longer exists, just a tower that was rebuilt from castle ruins in 1817, turned into a museum in 1955. The original bill for services (or rekening), is in the Rijksarchief in Brussels.

"Witches" Burned in Flanders

By Prof. J. Monballyu - Jos.Monballyu@kulak.ac.be

http://www.kulak.ac.be/facult/rechten/Monballyu/Rechtlagelanden/Heksenvlaanderen/Witches%20burned%20in%20Flanders.htm

1459-1460	Bruges	Catheline Smeets
1468	Bruges	Nele Wijts
1468	Bruges	Jacquemine Motte
1468	Diksmuide	Symoen Lauwers
1468	Diksmuide	Maye van Zevecote
1-Oct 1468	Bruges	Margriete Achtels
6-Jul 1532	Bruges	Gheleyn Wouters
6-Jul 1532	Bruges	Ampleune Coopman
1538	Oudenburg	Martin Bogaerd
24-Mar 1538	Eeklo	Anthonyne van Masseme
Oct 1538	Waesland	Kathelyne Duerincx
1554	Oudenaarde	Ollivier van Tyssenacke
1589	Furnes	Lievine Morreeuws
27-Jan 1593	Furned	David Wydoo
10-May 1593	Ypern	Woman
10-May 1593	Ypern	Woman
26-Jul 1593	Ypern	Maryette ?
13-Aug 1595	Liedekerke	Elisabeth Callebouts
18-Aug 1595	Liedekerke	Jan van Drooghenbroeck
19-Aug 1595	Liedekerke	Gillis Maes
Aug 1595	Ninove	Elisabeth van Steenstraete
Aug 1595	Ninove	Anna Goossens
2-Oct 1595	Dendermonde	Jenne Sbleissers
23-Dec 1595	Ghent	Elisabeth Vlamincx
1596	Diksmuide	Calle d'Oosterlinck
10-Jan 1596	Dendermonde	Anna Scoocx
10-Jan 1596	Bergues	Joris de Beire
10-Jan 1596	Bergues	Mahieu Colos
28-Mar 1596	Bergues	Joosyne Wecsteen
30-Mar 1596	Bergues	Maillaert van Ercke
6-Apr 1596	Dunquerque	Jacqueline Naerbouts
June 1596	Bruges	Lene Ledau
12-Jul 1596	Bergues	Michiel Colpier
24-Jul 1596	Diksmuide	Thaene Shaezens
24-Jul 1596	Diksmuide	Lyne de Keysere
18-Aug 1596	Hondschoote	Margriete Marel
Aug 1596	Bruges	Cathelyne Svraye
Aug-Sep 1596	Bruges	Woman
Aug-Sep 1596	Bruges	Woman
Aug-Sep 1596	Bruges	Woman
Aug-Sep 1596	Bruges	Woman
Aug-Sep 1596	Bruges	Woman
4-Sep 1596	Cassel	Jacquemine Hoochers
4-Sep 1596	Cassel	Clais Stoop
24-Sep 1596	Cassel	Jean Baelen
24-Sep 1596	Cassel	Germaine Piels
24-Sep 1596	Cassel	Margrite Pepin
9-Oct 1596	Cassel	Margrite de Clercque
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1596-1598	Seigniory Hofland	Jean Elias
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5-Mar 1597	Dunquerque	Henri Adriaensen
5-Mar 1597	Dunquerque	Cornille Upstacle
5-Mar 1597	Dunquerque	Jean Blechburch
12-Mar 1597	Dunquerque	Jean Nuedt
8-May 1597	Bergues	Cateline Coopman
Jul 1597	Loker in Lynck	Woman
Jul 1597	Loker in Lynck	Woman
19-Jul 1597	Dunquerque	Nicolas Dezeure
6-Aug 1597	Bergues	Magdaleene de Haene
22-Aug 1597	Voormezele	Hendrik Buen
18-Apr 1598	Cassel	Jacop van Haeke
20-Jun 1598	Bergues	Mayken van Haveskercke
14-Jul 1598	Ghent	Cornelia van Beverwijck
5-Sep 1598	Bergues	Jacquemyne Goossens
17-Sep 1597	Furnes	Paesschier van Daele
30-Oct 1597	Menen	Anna de Clerck
10-Dec 1598	Dunquerque	Jeanne Coppens
10-Dec 1598	Dunquerque	Jacques Frans
18-Dec 1598	Furnes	Olivier Ryckaert
23-Dec 1598	Dunquerque	Nele Cocx
23-Dec 1598	Dunquerque	Nele Maes
1598		Jacquemyne Bisschops
1598		Peronne Goemare
1598-1599	Assenede	Catherine Curse
31-Mar 1599	Dunquerque	Colette de Roy
31-Mar 1599	Dunquerque	Jeanne van Cassel
May 1599	Diksmuide	Christyne Papdraeghere
5-Jun 1599	Dunquerque	Madeleine Maling
4-Sep 1599	Dunquerque	Jeanne de Waele
15-Sep 1599	Dunquerque	Zeystie Moens
15-Sep 1599	Dunquerque	Catherine Coppens
8-Oct 1599	Furnes	Betkin Lansseloot
24-Nov 1599	Furnes	Willemyne Scheelluwaert
29-Mar 1600	Furnes	Margriete Janssche
26-Apr 1600	Furnes	Peronne de la Mere
28-Feb 1601	Furnes	Betken Mallegheer
21-Mar 1601	Furnes	Joosyne Coolens
24-Jun 1601	Ghent	Anthonine Zoete Haecx
30-Jun 1601	Ghent	Agatha Jacob Janssens
28-Jul 1601	Ghent	Barbel Cruucke
21-Aug 1601	Ghent	Willemyne Smayaerts
30-Aug 1601	Ghent	Thanne Cueninckx
30-Aug 1601	Ghent	Lynken Danens
16-Oct 1601	Ghent	Barbel Sturtewaghen
1601-1605	Aalst	Marie van Ginderdeure
12-Apr 1602	Ypern	Jennette van den Hende
31-Jul 1602	Furnes	Janneken Paesschyns
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3-Sep 1602	Ypern	Jehenne Verslype
19-Oct 1602	Cassel	Margriete du Dam
12-Nov 1602	Newport	Paesschynken mmelynck
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17-Jan 1603	Newport	Jan de Deyster
8-Feb 1603	Furnes	Mayken Chier

27-Feb 1603	Furnes	Victor van Ertbrugghe
15-Mar 1603	Furnes	Franchyne Blockx
20-Mar 1603	Wakken	Marie Hermans
24-Mar 1603	Furnes	Margriete van de Caloene
9-May 1603	Harelbeke	Christine Kindt
4-Sep 1603	Furnes	Pieter Mormentyn
19-Sep 1603	Wortegem	Jenne de Rycke
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1603	Seigniory Hofland	Nicolas Stoop
16-Jul 1604	Cassel	Jan Gheestelynck
9-Aug 1604	Ghent	Betkin de Gruutere
4-Feb 1605	Hondschoote	Jacquemyne de Cots
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16-Aug 1607	Overmere	Maeyken van Cuetsenroeye
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2-Oct 1607	Laarne	Willemyne Sveermans
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13-Dec 1607	Ingelmunster	Pieryne de Man
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6-Aug 1608	Menen	Janne de Reuse
12-Oct 1609	Nazareth	Janne Slaenders
6-Apr 1610	Menen	Jeannette du Bois
6-Apr 1610	Menen	Isabel Rogiers
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21-Apr 1611	Cassel	Margriete de Ruddere
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26-Mar 1614	Furnes	Tanneken van Schoonmeersch
19-Jul 1614	Furnes	Janneken de la Salle
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1630	Bailleul	Jeanne Ledrieu
9-May 1631	Helkijn	Jeanne Lanneau
24-Mar 1632	Furnes	Jaqueminken Leleu
23-Jun 1634	Bruges	Mayken Karrebrouck
23-Jun 1634	Bruges	Mayken Luucx
10-Jul 1634	Bruges	Catheline Ide
2-Aug 1634	Bruges	Cathelyne Verpoort
3-Oct 1634	Brugse Vrije	Barbele de Cock
1-Dec 1634	Nokere	Clara de Vos
9-Jan 1637	Waesland	Jan van Steene
13-Aug 1639	Newport	Perinne Minne
27-Feb 1644	Ypern	Cathelyne Lorteau
16-May 1650	Newport	Joanne de Deynster
2-Sep 1651	Kruishoutem	Gillis Ogiers
1651	Kruishoutem	Man
10-Feb 1652	Newport	Tanneken de Potter
10-Feb 1652	Newport	Mayken Tooris
29-Jul 1652	Ooike	Jan Vindevoghele
1652	Newport	Jacquemyne de Groote
6-Oct 1656	Morbecque	Jaene Carpentier
Nov 1656	Amougies-Russeignies	Catherine Merye
27-Feb 1657	Morbecque	Clayse Sereyns
22-May 1657	Morbecque	Clayse Lansheers
26-Jun 1657	Morbecque	Jacquemyne Deikens
11-Sep 1657	Asper-Zingem	Mathys Stoop
1658	Merville	Françoise Camberlin
2-Feb 1659	Merville	Jeanne Delecluse
9-Nov 1659	Heestert	Elisabeth de Bode
1659	Merville	Marguerite Camberlin
1660	Moen	Antoinette de Scheemaecker
18-Aug 1660	Bailleul	Gellyne Isenbrant
Nov 1660	Machelen	Pieter Dhondt
15-Jan 1661	Olsene	Joos Verpraet
12-Feb 1661	Olsene	Maeyken de Smedt
1-Aug 1664	Heestert	Joosyne Labyns
18-May 1676	Heestert	Catharina de Craene
28-Oct 1684	Belsele	Martha van Wetteren
	Bourbourg	Allart Janssen
	Hondschoote	Jean Neuten

Died in imprisonment during trial

1595	Aspelare	Elizabeth Pot
29-Feb 1596	Hondschoote	Lynken van Brugghe
11-Sep 1596	Brugse Vrije	Goolken van Ghistele
1596	Aalst	Jan de Vyldere
26-Mar 1597	Bergues	Guillaume Verbrigghe
31-Mar 1599	Gent, Sint-Pieters	Nane van de Weghe
3-Aug 1601	Gent	Anna Buys
4-Jun 1603	Gottem-Tielt	Tanneken Sconyncx
29-Feb 1604	Kortrijk	Maye van Pubroeck
20-Feb 1604	Kortrijk	Margriete van Elslande
20-Feb 1604	Dendermonde	Josyne van der Straten
Oct 1605	Veurne	Maillaert de Vynck
1606	Kortrijk	Beele Holvoet
3-Jul 1608	Gent	Tanneken van Meldere
1618	Oudenaarde	? Gevaert
Nov-Dec 1624	Nevele	Pieryne Danneels
1628	Gent	Joannes Tortelboom
Dec 1639	Gent	Syntken van Crombrugghe
26-Mar 1651	Poperinge	Vegheryne van Beddele
1657	Morbecque	? Wallart
6-Nov 1659	Bailleul	Thomaes Looten
27-May 1660	Hondschoote	Cathelyne Strubbe
14-Dec 1660	Mesen	Pieter Gheldolf

A GHOST AT CREVE-COEUR?
http://www.herve.be/histoire.htm

The following story took place in mid-October 1635 at the castle of Crève- Cœur. This old castle, half-home, half-fortress, built a few hundred feet away from the small town of Herve, belonged to one of the noblest families of the Duchy of Limburg, where the descendants lived until the end of the 18th century. Sitting on wooded hills it was then made up of a large housing complex with the main building facing South. Its corners were flanked with towers proudly pointing toward the heavens.

The castle, that day, was an awesome sight: the rays of the setting sun still brightly shining, the towers reflected in the water-filled ditches that encircled the domain. It was the end of a glorious Autumn day that felt like Spring had returned.

Two richly adorned travelers were riding their horses through the twisting paths of the Land of Herve. Both wore hats with a feather as was fashionable in those days. Their long overcoats floating through the air gave them an air of mystery. A heavy sword was beating the side of their ride, along their legs wearing elegant boots. Both riders were dressed identically. The only way to distinguish between them was the color of their horses: one was black as coal and the other white as snow. Sometimes they rode side by side where the road allowed while at other times they rode single-file. When side by side they carried a conversation as they travelled, not a bit preoccupied by the land through which they rode.

"Ventre Saint-Gris!", said the younger of the two. "I am in a hurry to see the dove! From your description I should not be disappointed!"
"You can believe me", answered the other. "The description I gave you will pale in front of the original!… But I beseech you not to meddle with this; in fact, we have known each other a long time and should not prey on each other's territories. She does have a friend who never leaves her side who is almost as pretty as she is. You might eventually have to be content with her...
"Eh! What would you say about me marrying the young lady?"

The elder replied in a sweet tone while his mouth contracted violently: "Listen, friend, I trust you and that is exactely why I brought you along. You would lack honor if you betrayed me."
"But I have no intention of posing as a pretender!" replied the other.
"You know I discovered this treasure last Easter while on a mission in Herve with the Prince of Nassau. Knowing that such a flower was growing in this country, I have wished to return to see her again and ask for her hand in marriage. Now, let's not get mixed up. Let's behave like true gentlemen. The most exquisite of politeness must replace our customary loud and crude behavior!"
"Don't worry."

" We are supposedly on a mission to Holland and our roles are more complicated than we think... We are close to the target. I can see the peak of the dunjeon of Crève-Cœur."

Only the clambering of horses could be heard on the rocky path through the woods that led to the manor.
"... We are here at last," exclaimed the Count of Almeyras, Captain of the army of the United Provinces.
The younger rider was the Knight of Raidiche, lieutenant in the service of the Prince of Nassau.

At that instant the captain grabbed the heavy hammer on the castle door and let it hit the iron knob with force several times. They had been lucky to find the bridge down.

At the sound of the hammer, several dgs began to howl.
"Who goes there?" went the voice of a man, as the rays of small lamp shone through the big door.
"We are two gentlemen asking for your hospitality".
"Alright!" said the servant, "you can say what you may; too many marauders travel the road pillaging these days, for me to open at this ungodly hour! Wait a moment: I will alert my master this instant..."

So they waited. A few minutes later, the light shone again through the crack under the door. The footsteps of several people resounded on the pavement this time. An iron bar grinded, then the key turned in the lock… Three locks were undone and one door opened slowly
The servant held the lantern with his left hand and lifted it to better see the visitors. The people in the castle remained stunned by the visitors' garments and their powerful horses.

"Come in, my lords!", exclaimed Olivier de Crève-Cœur .
"Come into my castle, you will be well received...
The visitors followed and were soon let in the family room, where they bowed before Marguerite de Crève-Cœur and Berthe d'Aspremont, both sitting by a window. The old gentleman introduced the young ladies who blushed under the visitors' daring eyes.

After dinner, feigning fatigue, the guests retired in a room that had been prepared for them.
While undressing the lieutenant spoke to the captain: "What a marvellous sight, what perfection, what beauty! Mademoiselle de Crève-Cœur is indeed the most beautiful girl in Limburg!"
" The other one is not bad either" replied d'Almeyras.
"You can court her if your heart is so inclined".
"If they agree, we should be two happy men"

"Tomorrow I will ask and if the old man refuses to give me her hand, then I will do without his consent!"
"They will galop away with us or my name no longer is 'de Raidiche'!"
"You're right but to succeed we need to get oriented and figure out where they are. We will tie them up and off we'll go to Maestricht! So we will remain in the castle tomorrow and will discuss the object of our so-called mission to Holland with the lord of the manor...

While speaking the captain opened the curtains and was looking down into the meadows around the manor when he stepped back frightened.
"Come take a look! A big white ghost with shining eyes seems to be piercing through the walls! Surely a spirit trying to keep us from fulfilling our plans. Let's be careful. I am not superstitious but this does not look very good!

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In the meantime, as soon as the two strangers had left, Barthel, the manor's faithful servant went to find his master to warn him.

"Sir, I recognized the older one: it's the captain, Count of Almeyras. Last summer he came to Herve with his batalion, he almost caused a revolt among the people with his vulgarity and brutality. He saw our young lady come out of the church and he uttered some things about her that frighten me to this day. He was so taken by her beauty that had he had time, I do not doubt he would have kidnapped her!"

"Don't scare me like that, Barthel! Tomorrow we will make arrangements to prevent this from happening.
"He's clever as a fox, Sire. We must be on our guards, as he most likely came here with dastardly aims!"
" You may be right, Barthel, but the spirit that protects my home will watch over us again. Let's hope he will unravel their plans.

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Sir Olivier had not slept all night. The visitors preyed on his mind while he was keeping watch in his castle's sitting room. So he had been up for some time when the two officers came to the common room.

A few minutes later the young ladies also appeared.
Breakfast was lively. The guests were pleasant and full of funny comments to attract the young women's attention. They were however unable to endear themselves as their piercing eyes scared the young ladies.
They were given a thorough tour of the castle and atfer dinner, d'Almeyras asked for a private audience with the lord of the manor. Not beating around the bush, the Captain went straight to the subject and asked for his daughter's hand in marriage.

"Captain, replied Crève-Cœur calmly, I am flattered by your proposal but you come too late... My daughter is engaged to her friend's brother, Robert d'Aspremont who were it not for the King's service, would be married to her today if he could.

A thunderbolt could not have struck the captain with more power than did the old gentleman's words but he quickly recovered and asked for permission to stay in the castle one more night before departing.
Biting his tongue, Mr. de Crève-Cœur agreed.

Since the two officers could not be alone with the young women they killed time by inspecting every nook of the castle, especially the corners that would help them achive their goal. Then they retired into their chambers to wait for the right moment.

The old gentleman, tired from his sleepless night also retired to his room and was soon asleep. The young women were not too far from his quarters. The brigands had noticed too. Around 2am, they crossed the West tower, went down a flight of stairs and reached the room where their hostesses were sleeping.
"That was easy", said the captain.
"We're almost there!", continued de Raidiche. "Here is the door to the girls'd room."

The men seized the girls so swiftly that they were unable to fight back. Realizing their situation, they fainted. D'Almeyras picked up Marguerite de Crève-Cœur, placed her over his shoulder, while de Raidiche did the same with Berthe d'Aspremont, and they went down the stairs.
"Where now?", said the lieutenant.
"To the stables!", said the captain.
"Oh right, I was forgetting the horses."

They had barely reached the door when a great white specter stood before them...
" Thunder and lightning!", screamed a terrible voice.

Suddenly there was a shot. D'Almeyras bit the dust. Another shot was heard, but de Raidiche went unharmed. Taking advantage of the shadow of the night, he ran to the draw-bridge, which had not been raised and ran through the fields with the ghost at his heels...

The shots woke up Messire Olivier, who jumped to his feet and ran out with his servants. Under the pale moonlight they saw the young ladies laying on the ground, still unconscious.

Just as he was about to be grabbed by the ghost, de Raidiche turned around and fired right at the ghost's chest. The ghost walked another hundred feet and collapsed by a tree…

The next day, peasants found a body, wrapped in a long white robe. They carried it back to the castle.

To Lord de Crève-Cœur's great surprise, he recognized his faithful servant Barthel, the ghost protector of the castle.

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And what has happened since then at Crève-Cœur ?

Every year, during the Octave des Trépassés, around midnight, the skeleton of a horse goes around the castle three times, as fast as lightningr, and atop this apocalyptic creature, there sits a tall knight, in full armor with a sword in hand.
The front of his helmet is lifted. Sparks fly from his eye sockets, his mouth spewing blasphemes and then suddenly it vanishes...

It's the Count of'Almeyras, the specter of Crève-Cœur, who returns...

AUTOWORLD-BRUSSELS

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The Belgian production, justly represented in the Autoworld's collection, had known its hour of glory before the Great War. At that stage Belgian makes could compete with makes of international prestige.

The pioneers

Due to early industrialization, Belgium set out on the adventurous path of automobile production at a very early stage. In 1894, Vincke, the first car to be sold in Belgium was designed in a workshop in Malines, where railway carriages were upholstered.

Vivinus 7cv, 1900

1900-1914: The Golden Age.

Several companies brought out cars and motorcycles of excellent quality at competitive prices. These cars made a hit abroad and three-fourths of the cars designed and manufactured in Belgium therefore were channelised towards export.

The major makes, of which models can be admired in the museum are Minerva, the most well-known Belgian make founded by Sylvain de Jong, F.N., which also specialised in motorcycles, Imperia and Miesse.

The shock of the Great War

In 1914, Belgium ranked first on the international automobile construction scene. But the War gets the better of this rapid development. Curiously, the determining factor was not the looting of factories but the end of "free trade" and the emergence of protectionist tendencies adopted by various countries after the War.

Minerva remained a major make. F.N., Excelsior and Imperia started making more elaborate cars which met with success on the market. Pipe decided to specialise exclusively in lorries.

The thirties: the decline

In most countries, the beginning of the thirties was marked by significant technological advancements. Free wheels, front-wheel drives and steel bodies appeared. But the Belgian industry, hard hit by the economic crisis, found itself short of resources needed to compete with these advancements.

Imperia TA-8 Sport,

End of creation

The period from 1930 to 1940 witnessed a gradual transition of an entirely domestic industry into an assembly sector where foreign cars were built. Efforts on the research and development side were absent and production activity alone remained.

Not being able to renew its models, Imperia acquired a licence for an excellent ultra-modern German car with front-wheel drive, the Adler. Its name could therefore figure on beautiful cars until 1940.

F.N. gave up automobile construction in 1935 but continued to successfully produce excellent motorcycles and utility vehicles. In the field of utility vehicles, Belgium had a bit of a margin and continued to make excellent lorries and buses such as Brossel, Miesse and F.N. and Minerva jeeps for some years, up until the post-war period.

Memories of the Belgian automobile

After World War II, the few remaining Belgian car makers could not face the competition from abroad.

The Belgian automobile construction left behind but memories of its glorious days.

Only a few rare and keen collectors are fortunate enough, even today, to drive a car of the older generation first made in our little country. And for all others from world over, the Autoworld collection pays hommage to the superb models, once the stars of our industry.

IMPERIA - Liège (Nessonvaux) 1905-1958

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Among the great Belgian makes, IMPERIA certainly occupies a special place with a half-century of automobile building as well as a significant presence at the competition level, in Belgium and abroad.

1. 1905 - 1914: Automobiles IMPERIA Liège-Nessonvaux (PIEDBOEUF - IMPERIA)

Adrien G. PIEDBOEUF was the founder of the make. He began his career in Aachen (Germany) where he had an agency for the Belgian make METALLURGIQUE. The logo of the IMPERIA make, a crown, reminder of Aachen and Charlemagne’s empire, was his idea.

The first IMPERIA cars were built as early as 1905 in the PIEDBOEUF workshops in Liège, according to the concept of the German engineer Paul HENZE. It was a 4.9 L 4 cyl. engine and with 20/30 hp with low tension magnet, with a crank par bobine, 4 speed gear shift and chain driven
With the buy-out of the PIEPER Factories of Nessonvaux in 1908, IMPERIA moves its headquarters from Liège to the Verviers area.
Then came the production of a 3L engine and in 1909, of a one-piece 4 Cyl. 1767 cc, not forgetting to mention the imposing 9.9L 50/60 hp, inspired by the KAISERPREIS.

In 1912 IMPERIA merged with SPRINGUEL, with Jules SPRINGUEL shouldering the leadership of the company. His name will soon disappear from the make which will produce the SPRINGUEL cars with under the IMPERIA name des modèles SPRINGUEL with intake valves located above the exhaust valves.
As the Great War dawned, IMPERIA offered its customers a large variety of 4 cyl. with 1.8L, 2.6L, 3.6L and 5L cyl. lateral valves.
But the history of the IMPERIA company would be incomplete if we forgot to speak of its link to Francisco ABADAL, agent of HISPANO-SUIZA in Madrid then in Barcelone who, in 1912, began to build cars bearing his name, for which the motor-blocks and the chassis very likely came from the IMPERIA factories.

From 1907 to 1913 IMPERIA will participate in many sports races, in Belgium and abroad.
Its successes contributed in establishing the make's name.

Among others IMPERIA participated in the following races:

- in 1907, the "Circuit des Ardennes" with 3 cars registered under the "KAISERPREIS" formula.
- in 1908, the "Meeting d'Ostende" and the "Meeting de Spa" where they win the category with a 1764 cc.
- in 1909, the "Coupe de la Meuse" where they win the "tourism" and "closed cars" categories, and with wins in both the "Semaine d'Ostende" and the "stend Cup"
- in 1910, IMPERIA takes the first 2 places in the "Côte de BETHANE" race in the "closed cars" category. Also participates at the "Semaine d'Ostende and distinguishes itself on the BROOKLANDS tracks reaching a speed of 144 km/h.
- in 1913 the SPRINGUEL-IMPERIA: the first 3 places at the "Course de Huy", and wins at both the "Semaine d'Ostende" and the" Meeting de Spa".

Such sports fame placed the Nessonvaux make among the best cars of the era.

2. 1918 - 1929: "Automobiles IMPERIA S.A., Anc. Ets. SPRINGUEL, Huy, Mathieu VAN ROGGEN, Nessonvaux"

During the First World War the firm remained inactive. Once peace returned, a new owner takes the reigns. Since 1914, VAN ROGGEN had owned the ATA car make (TEXEIRA Factories) which will merge with IMPERIA.

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The first Impérias, built by Ateliers Piedboeuf of Liège, were designed by the German Paul Henze: these were fours of 3 litres, 4.9 litres and 9.9 litres.

The following year, Impéria moved into the old Pieper factory at Nessonvaux.
A monobloc 12 hp appeared in 1909, and in 1910 came a merger with Springuel.

From about 1916, Impéria-Abadals were built at Nessonvaux. In 1921, three ohc 5.6 litre straight-eights were built, replaced by an ephemeral ohc 3 litre 32-valve four, capable of 90 mph.

It was followed by the Couchard-designed 1100cc side-valve 11/22 hp four, one of the first cars to have a sliding sunshine roof. Its engine rotated counter-clockwise, and the transmission brake acted as a servo for the front-wheel brakes. Some Impérias were assembled in Britain at Maidenhead.
A six of 1624cc appeared in 1937, available in three-carburetor Super Sports form from 1930.

Impérias of 1934 on were merely four-wheel-drive Adlers with Belgian coachwork.
In 1936, Impéria merged with Minerva.

Post-1948, Impéria assembled Standard Vanguards under license.

He then purchases the patent of the Spanish make, ABADAL and in 1910, proposes a 3L type E et a 3.6L type T, which will be produced in limited series until 1922.

The 8 cylinder IMPERIA-ABDAL with 6L would remain a prototype, as would the promising 4 Cyl-3L.
The IMPERIA-ABADAL that looked like the HISPANO-SUIZA adopted an elegant radiator that would soon equip all IMPERIAs. Three IMPERIA-ABADAL were prepared for the "Grand Prix de Belgique" organized in Spa-Francorchamps in 1922 by RACB. Only one would finish: the one driven by de TORNACO who won the 600km race at an average speed of 89km/hr.
The leadership of IMPERIA considered however that it was more feasible to develop a more economical vehicle that could be sold to a larger number of people. The engineer COUCHARD – former boss of the FN research services –

was asked to develop a new model. Its original mechanics would surprise the car makers of the time.
This new IMPERIA would be christened "Impéria – Tili". It was equipped with a new motor without valves

The COUCHARD system was very different from the KNIGHT – adopted by the PANHARD-LEVASSOR, MINERVA, DAIMLER and VOISIN brands – had the advantage of costing much less to build and was therefore better suited for a small car.
This 1100cc 4 cylinder motor, capable of running faster than its rivals – which could not be done with the traditional valve motors – performed exceptionally well. This led VAN ROGGEN to entering it in many competitions.

It's at the 200 miles of Brooklands that it would break the 130 km/h mark. In the Record Days of Oostmalle it made 2 Belgian records for the km in 1100 cc. In the Monte Carlo Rally of 1925 it took the first three places, renewing the same feat in the Belgian Grand Prix of Spa - Francorchamps the same year.

More than 1100 models were made between 1925 and 1927. Between 1927 and 1929, the small one without valves was developed following the same technique, with a 6 cylindres of 1650 cc. then of 1800 cc. which performd even better.
The motor was not the only particularity of this small IMPERIA without valves which also proved the excellence of its brakes, assisted by the IMPERIA servofrein, the precision of its direction and road handling.

In 1929, the company's good financial report push VAN ROGGEN to draw near the foreign markets.
That is when agreements were made with the VOISIN Factories in France – that would create a particular style for some of the IMPERIA 6 cylinders – and in England with the G.W.K Factory.
These attempts would not produce anything concrete however.

3. Période de 1929 à 1940: **S.A. des Automobiles IMPERIA-EXCELSIOR et Groupe MINERVA-IMPERIA**

Mathieu VAN ROGGEN – following the way GENERAL MOTORS did in the US - then attempted to regroup the Belgian car industry to face the massive importation of American cars.

IMPERIA bought out EXCELSIOR, NAGANT and the METALLURGIQUE factory- which he disassembled to strenghthen the one in Nessonvaux before selling the building to MINERVA – and the MATTHYS Brothers' Bodyshop and OSY.
However the Great Depression would plunge IMPERIA into serious financial difficulties, keeping it from developing new models.
The types N-4 and N-6 without valves are, in 1933, but a small upgrade from previous models even though they have a hydraulic brake system.
At the end of 1933 IMPERIA salvaged the situation by negotiating with the German company ADLER of Frankfurt, the building of its TRUMPF traction designed by ROHR. IMPERIA then imported the motors and transmissions but built the chassis, suspensions and bodies.

In 1935, Mathieu VAN ROGGEN bought back what was left of MINERVA after the make went bankrupt in 1934, and through merging formed the MINERVA-IMPERIA group that survived till 1940.

This merger marked the disappearance of the last Belgian car builder of special cars and big motors without valves in Antwerp by MINERVA.
Production of a rather large number of vehicles under the ADLER name would come out of the Nessonvaux factories among which some worth mentioning here:

- IMPERIA 9/40 HP ALBATROS and DIANE (TA-9), 1645cc - 4 cyl (74.25 x 95) as well as the IMPERIA SPORT;
- IMPERIA TA-7, 2-doors, convertible HIRONDELLE, with 995cc-4 cyl. capable of 25 hp with brake;
- IMPERIA TA-11 JUPITER with 1912cc-4 cyl., capable of 50hp with brake.

IMPERIA would enter its sports car version in the Belgian races such as Francorchamps in 1934, 1936 and 1938 where they won the King's Cup.

The merger MINERVA-IMPERIA would see the birth of a V8 transversal de 3,6 1, forward traction that would not play any part in the races.
We must also note that beginning in 1936 Mr. ROBIN and Mr. VAN ROGGEN developped a continuous and automatic speed transfomer with which equip the big 8cyl models of the make between 1936 and 1939.
With the beginning of the Second World Ward in 1940, VAN ROGGEN gave up the Nessonvaux factory to a textile manufacturer from Verviers, Gérard HAUZEUR, who, under Nazy-Germany pressure, contributed to the trade of ADLER parts in exchange for Verviers textiles.

VAN ROGGEN would hold on the the MINERVA factory in Mortsel which would be occupied by the Gemran troops from 1940 to 1944, then by the British troops between 1944 and 1947.

In the conflict's early months, the Nessonvaux factory would continue to distribute, with German permission, a few TA-7 and TA-11 to some clients with the condition that these vehicles would be equipped with compressed gas tanks, but production would cease very quickly when the German army would occupy the factory and decide to transfer the stocks of parts to Germany.
During the War, the Nessonvaux factory had to ensure the maintenance and repair of the German army's cars and trucks under the direction of the engineer MULLER, chosen by the occupant.

4. Post WWII Era

With the disappearance of ADLER during the war, IMPERIA - at first sequestered – would assemble some 800 chassis then equipped with the 1340cc HOTCHKISS propeller and 45 cv. brake.

The TA-8 forward traction was a synthesis of the Prewar ADLER and AMILCAR.
IMPERIA would also produce a few small 2 seaters sports car between 1947 and 1949.
In the meantime IMPERIA's leadership, who had first considered negotiating with VW to assemble the "ladybugs" in Belgium, preferred to sign an agreement with a Birtish firm.
In 1946 IMPERIA would take over the 2088cc STANDARD-TRIUMPH model, before ensuring its assembly in the Nessonvaux factories beginning in 1948, also producing the sportive TRIUMPH TR 2.
In 1950 no less than 300 VANGUARD left monthly from the Belgian assembly lines that also built some original yet not very elegant cabriolets on VANGUARD chassis.
During that time, IMPERIA also ensures the assembly of the ADLER motorcycles and ALFA-ROMEO cars (1900 cc. 4doors) and BÜSSING trucks, as well as a great number of machine tools.
In 1958, when STANDARD-TRIUMPH decided to build its cars directly in its new factory in Mechelen, IMPERIA abandons all participation in the automobile sector. After half a century of activity, IMPERIA closed its doors in 1958 and was liquidated.

Imperia Motorcar Factory: Formula 1 on the Roofs of Nessonvaux

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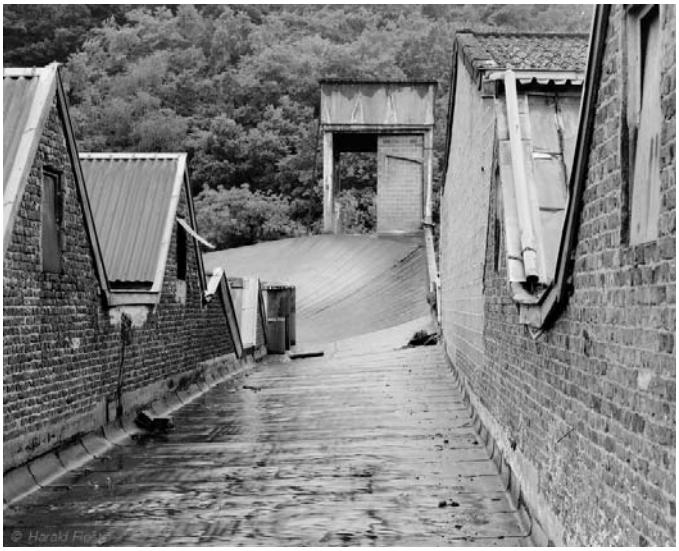
The test track of the Imperia motorcar factory (1905 - 1958) in Nessonvaux, near Liège is an oddity: Part of the circuit still exists on the roofs of the former assembly shops. The steep turns look like a toy-racecourse - incomparable to the country-eating test areas of modern car industry.



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LETTERS FROM BELGIUM DURING and AFTER WORLD WAR I

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I was interested in your recent article on Belgian Horses as my grandfather used them in farming here in Abilene, Texas until his death in 1928. His Americanized name was James Frank Versyp derived from his Belgian name, Jacobus Franciscus VERSYP. He arrived here in Texas in 1874 as a single man.

My grandfather was born in Oedelem, Belgium in 1845, his father died in 1847 and his mother married Petrus De Mets. Her son by a later marriage was Edouard De Mets, a half-brother to my grandfather. It my understanding that my grandfather went back to Belgium in 1880 and I believe that this is whenhe brought his horses back to the United States. I have not been able to find him in immigrant passenger lists but theprobable reason is that he returned on a cattle ship with his horses. I have checked the "Texas Seaport Museum" in Galveston, Texas but immigration records from 1872-1895 are incomplete & most are missing.

In 1885 my grandfather bought a farm in Abilene, Texas that is still in the family. My grandfather married Clara LACKEY in Dallas, Texas in 1889 however they were divorced in 1913. You would think that traveling over 4,000 miles from Belgium to settle in the U.S. would satisfy a person's wanderlust but it seems this was not so with my grandfather. Between 1913 and his death in 1928 I have found him in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nebraska, and Texas.

Although my grandfather died six years before I was born, my father has told me several stories about his father's Belgian Horses and the strength they had. His wagons were built twice the size of a normal wagon and hauled twice as much hay as a regular team. Family oral history is sometimes in doubt but after checking with a man who raised Belgians for 35 years I was told that a good-sized Belgian team could easily pull twice the load of an ordinary team.

He also mentioned that they were so even tempered that his four-year-old son, rather than walking around the team, would simply walk under them, he would then grab the lowest part of the harness and climb the horse's rear leg to mount. They never moved and didn't seem to mind.

My father also mentioned that his father would sometimes get mad at his horses when they occasionally balked at moving a heavy load. He would get aboard them bareback and use a switch to encourage them in their endeavor.
This creates a most interesting picture in my mind of an elderly man in coveralls, standing only 5' 4', climbing aboard a horse that stands 6 feet at the shoulder and with his legs sticking out to the sides "encouraging" them with a willow switch. He must have looked pretty small up there!

In 1956 I met an elderly gentleman, who upon hearing my last name was VERSYP, asked if I knew a James VERSYP who had Belgian horses? I told him that he was my grandfather. He said that about 1900 a train came into Abilene and there was a steam engine that was so big and heavy they couldn't get it off the flatcar. (There must not have been room enough to use more that one team.)

Someone said, "Mr. Versyp has a team of horses that will pull it off." They went and asked my grandfather if he would bring his horses and move the steam engine. He did and they pulled it off the flatcar.

I traveled to Belgium in 2002 and spent 10 days in Brugge. I rented a car and drove to Oedelem and looked the country over. It is very pretty country.

I have 46 pages of letters written in Flemish from my grand uncle Edouard De Mets, between 1918-1927 when he died. He was born in Oedelem and later moved to Thourout. These letters include the names of about 50 relatives, friends and neighbors from Oedelem and the surrounding area that lived there between 1874 when my grandfather left and 1928 when the letters end. I include most of the text of the first three letters as they tell of the sadness, confusion and despair of a Belgian farmer who has lost two sons in the First World War and echo the feelings of fathers worldwide who lost their sons. Belgium lost over 100,000. France, Germany and Russia lost nearly 5 million of the estimated 8 million men that were killed in this "War to end all wars".

(Comments in parentheses were added.)

All letters are from Eduard De Mets except those where the sender is otherwise indicated.

Martincourt, 12 October, 1918

Dear brother,

This time I can't send you too much news. I lack the courage.

On September 28, the Belgians and the French launched a combined attack and advanced as far as eight kilometers from Thourout and two kilometers fromRousselaere. On that same day at 8 a.m. our son Oscar, 24, was killed. Bullets of a German machine gun riddled his throat and he died instantly.

Oscar was a fine and very diligent boy, nicely built, sturdy and very strong. He was a true diamond of the purest water in every way, never had anyone seen him angry or unhappy. He could already read English and French having learned it from a comrade. It is sad indeed that he had to die after four years of much suffering in the trenches and when peace is almost here. We have not heard from our son Arsene who is only 19, since the 26th of September, so chances are that he is dead too. There is only one chance in ten that he was taken prisoner. Day before yesterday we sent a telegram to his commanding officer and today we expect a reply but we have little hope.

Son Pierre is in constant danger for he is a cyclist and so is always in the front when they advance and at the rear when they retreat. If only he is not killed too. We're all very sad, they should have been our help in our old age. My life and Pauline's is ruined, we are inconsolable.

Don't pay any attention to my handwriting, I'm trembling, it has only been four days since we knew about Oscar.

Your affectionate brother, E. De Mets.

Martincourt, 24 November, 1918

Dearly beloved brother and family,

I can hardly find the courage and the heart to write. Since my last letter we received a telegram from son Arsene, but now the latest news was a letter to his sister Judith dated the 28th October. On the 10th of November two food packages we sent were returned stating that he had disappeared on the 30th of October.

In Aertrijcke some soldiers said the saw him fall in battle near Ghent, they fought hard there, moving backwards and forward. When they came back to the spot where he had fallen he had disappeared. Has he been taken by the Germans? no one knows. He is not in a Belgian hospital or he would write or have someone write for him. Is it true or are these lies? No one knows. We have one hope in one hundred that he is still alive and was taken prisoner.

He was in every way as good as Oscar. At the age of 19 he was already 83 kilos and the tallest of my sons.

What a terrible blow. I don't think I will be able to carry the cross the Lord has given us. I think I will collapse under it, I will become unrecognizable, skinny and old. My life is forever crushed, I see them night and day. No second goes by that they are not in my mind. I can't bear it, my health and strength are not as fierce anymore and it will get even worse.

Please let me know if Ch (?) BEUSELINCK, and the children of Joseph IDE and VAN WAESBERGHENS are satisfied with their settlement and that you and I acted correctly at the death of our mother.

I would not want to leave this earth with one centime of unrighteous money because I don't think I will survive these terrible blows for long. Perhaps I will become childlike or otherwise loose my senses.

Your brother and family, E. De Mets

Martincourt, 24 February, 1919

Dear Uncle and family,

As I my wife Marie and I are visiting my father De Mets he has asked me to write you as the pain in his arms prevents him. With sadness I must let you know that no doubt remains about my beloved brother Arsene. He like Oscar is a victim of fate and like him, was killed during the last days of the Great War.

As you can imagine the family is in deep mourning because of this double blow. This deeply felt sadness is the cause of father's illness, he has suffered much and can't take care of himself. We hope that with the arrival of spring, he'll soon recover his health.

Hoping this letter shall reach you all in good health, best regards from all of us.

Jules PERNEEL (Husband of Marie De Mets)

(Oscar died within six weeks of the end of the war. Arsene only 12 daysbefore the Armistice was signed on 11 November, 1918. Pierre survived the war.)

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Pennsylvania and West Virginia Obituaries

Extracted for the PA-SW-OBITS list of Rootsweb
by Victoria Hospodar Valentine

May 22, 1897 McDonald PA Outlook
At Champion on the 17th, of consumption, **Eugene CARLIER**, aged 48 years. Deceased was a native of Belgium. He leaves a large family.

Aug. 25, 1900 McDonald PA Outlook
On the 17th at his home on Belgian Hill, **Martin SUPLIT**, in his 73d year. Deceased was a native of Belgium, and was one of the first settlers in McDonald. He leaves a large family of sons, well-known citizens. Mrs. **V. F. MARLIER** is his daughter. The funeral was on Sunday, interment at Robinson Run.

Mrs. **Emma GOSSIAUX**, 71, wife of **Jules GOSSIAUX**, suffered a stroke and passed away at 3:12 p.m. Wednesday, October 23, 1946, in her home in the Southside, McDonald. She had been ill for some time.
A daughter of **Aimable and Florence PUTT**, she was born November 12, 1874, in Gilli, Belgium, and as a child of six came to McDonald where she has spent her life time. In 1891 she became the bride of **Jules GOSSIAUX**. Besides her husband she is survived by two children: Mrs. **John Paul DONNELLY** of Weirton, W. Va., and **Arthur GOSSIAUX** at home; a sister, Mrs.**Carl WILSON** of McDonald, and a brother, **Frank PUTT** of Detroit.
Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Pettit Funeral home Lincoln avenue, McDonald, in charge of the Rev. Alexander MAGE, pastor of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church. Burial will be in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mrs. **Clarissa MARLIER**, 79, died at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 27, 1946, in her home in Summit street, McDonald, following a lingering illness. A daughter of **Jean Joseph and Marie Antoinette LEJEUNE SUPLIT**, she was born in Roux, Belgium, and came to McDonald in 1887 where she had since resided. She and **Victor F. MARLIER** were married April 4, 1889, in McDonald by the late Dr. W. D. IRONS. She was a charter member of the Irons Memorial French U. P. church.
Surviving besides her husband, Victor F. MARLIER, are two sons, **Victor E. MARLIER** of Follansbee, W. Va., and **Fernal R. MARLIER** of Crafton; five daughters, Mrs. **George NELMS** of Pittsburgh, Mrs. **J. Harold TRIMMER** and Mrs.**H. G. LEONARD**, both of McDonald, Mrs. **V. M. CHAMBON** of Follansbee, W.Va., and Mrs. **Henri M. MARC** of Garden City, N.Y., and two brothers, **Elise SUPLIT** of Springfield, Ill., and **P. J. SUPLIT** of Mayville, N.Y. An infant daughter died in 1893.
Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Irons Memorial church in charge of the Rev. Alexandre (sic) MAGE. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mrs. **Mary K. PIERSON**, 69, died at 6:10 a.m. Saturday, December 28, 1946, in her home in Queen street, McDonald, following an illness of several weeks. Mrs. PIERSON was born March 3, 1877, in Roux, Belgium, and came to the McDonald vicinity 43 years ago. Surviving besides her husband, **Louis PIERSON**, are two sons, Louis of Hollidays Cove and Fernal of McDonald; two daughters, Mrs. **Walter RATTIGAN**, of Paris, Pa., and Mrs. **Charles MYERS**, Jr., of McDonald, three brothers, **Fernand CATRAIN** of Roux, Belgium, and **John and Archie CATRAIN** of Detroit, Mich. There are nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Pettit funeral home in charge of Dr. S. A. MC COLLAM, pastor of the First U. P. Church, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

John Winand JOHNEN of 311 Queen street died at 12:50 a.m. July 5, 1947, in the Washington hospital following a lingering illness. A son of **Joseph and Anna BECKER JOHNEN**, he was born January 20, 1865, in Eupen, Germany. Before coming to this country, he worked in Verviers, Belgium for 14 years as a baker, after which he made 21 trips across the Atlantic ocean as a cook. Upon his arrival in the United States, he located for a short time in Philadelphia, coming to this area in 1895. He and **Josephine GORGELS** were married August 21, 1895, in the Holy Trinity church, by the Rev. Ambrose F. BRUDER. Mr. JOHNEN served in the German army for three years and is a member of the La Solidarite Association of McDonald.
Surviving besides his wife, are three sons, **Joseph J. and Louis J. JOHNEN**, both of McDonald, and **Leopold J. JOHNEN** of Flushing, Ohio, and three daughters, Mrs. **Paul WAUTHIER** and Mrs. **Henry KRENN**, both of McDonald, and Mrs. **Bernard CYPHERS** of Neville Island, and a sister, Mrs. **Arthur GERMAIN** of Leige, Belgium. There are 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A daughter Elida died in 1918. Funeral services were held July 7 in the Pettit Funeral home in charge of the Rev. Joseph H. RODGERS. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Frank E. PLUMERET, Sr., 63, died at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, August 7, 1947, in his home on the Noblestown road, Sturgeon, following an illness of two weeks. A son of **Alexander and Melanie HIEL PLUMERET**, he was born June 10, 1884, in Belgium and came to the United States at the age of 18 months. He started work as a miner at the age of 12 years and became a foreman at the Champion mine of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. in 1917. He was later transferred to the Montour No. 9 mine where he worked until his retirement July 16, 1946. During his employ at the mine he was an active as an instructor of first aid, and took part in a number of mine rescue missions. He was a member of Garfield Lodge No. 604 of McDonald, and the Pittsburgh Consistory.
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. **Hortense PLUMERET**; a daughter, Mrs. **Joseph VANGYSEL** of Sturgeon; two sons: Leon of Carnegie, and Frank of Hubbard, Ohio; a brother, Seraphine of McDonald, and two step-children, Mrs. **Josephine SLONEZEWISKI** of Summit, N. J., and **Emile DEPASSE**, with the U.S.Navy in San Diego, California. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the home in charge of the Rev. Eldin BENNETT, pastor of the Center U. P. Church, Midway. Burial services with Masonic rites were at Robinson's Run cemetery.

Alex POSKIN, 70, died at 6:45 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 1951, at his home, Valley street, following a lingering illness. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. **Emil POSKIN**, he was born November 17, 1880 in Charleroi, Belgium. He came to this country as a youth and resided in Sturgeon. He and **Rose FOUNTAIN** were married August 13, 1901, and resided in McDonald since. He was a member of UMW local 8062 and of the La Solidarite, McDonald.

Surviving besides his wife are one son, **William POSKIN**, Bridgeville; three daughters, Mrs. **Oliver OPENBRIER**, Sr. and Mrs. **Camille BARONIO**, both of McDonald, and Eleanor, at home; one brother, **Daniel POSKIN**, Griffith, Ind. and two Sisters, Mrs. **Lawrence KESSLER**, Steubenville, Ohio, and Mrs. **Ray ROBERTS**, Warren, Ohio. A sister, **Alice WEBB**, preceded him in death in April, 1950. There are seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in charge of the Rev. A. H. SARRIO, pastor of the First Methodist church. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mrs. **Celina PLETINCKS**, 81, died at 3:30 a.m. February 22, 1952, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Victor BAILY**, Liberty street, McDonald, following an illness of four weeks. She is the widow of **Adolph PLETINCKS**, Sr. Mrs. PLETINCKS was born September 28, 1870, in Belgium and had been a resident of the McDonald district for 65 years.

She was a member of the Irons Memorial United Presbyterian church and the King's Daughters class of the church. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Victor BAILY of McDonald, Mrs. **S. A. ROMAIN** of Mt. Lebanon, Mrs. **Leon FRANKLIN**, Sr., of Sturgeon, and Mrs. **A. S. DeVOS** of Baltimore, Md.; two sons, **Adolph PLETINCKS**, JR., of Wallingford, Conn., and **John R. PLETINCKS** of McDonald; two brothers, **Arthur SCHAYES** of the Woodville State Hospital, and **Eli SCHAYES** of Steubenville, Ohio, and two sisters, Mrs. **Adeline HALEY** of Heidelberg and Mrs. **Mary LAURENT** of New Kensington; there are 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Pettit funeral home, in charge of the Rev. Ralph Y. SCOTT. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Archille P. LORANT, 56, a resident of Cherry Valley, died Monday, Jun 23, 1952, at the Veterans' Administration hospital at Aspinwall. Mr. LORANT was born in Belgium on January 31, 1896, a son of **Desire and Josephine BARR LORANT**. He had resided for the past 40 years at Cherry Valley.

His wife**, Felecie PAULIAN LORANT**, survives with four daughters**; Mrs. Mary STANISH, Simone** and Josephine, R. D. 3, Burgettstown, and Sgt. **Ermeline LORANT**, of Dayton, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Lee & Wilson funeral home, Burgettstown.

Victor L. CENIS, 80, husband of **Mary PLETINCKS CENIS**, died Thursday, July 3, 1952, at his home in Liberty street McDonald, after a long illness. Mr. CENIS was born July 13, 1871, in Belgium and had been a resident of McDonald for the past 60 years. He operated a hardware store in Burgettstown and McDonald, since 1926 and until his retirement in 1947. Mr. CENIS and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 20, 1952. Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. **Erma CENIS WORK** of Conway, and Miss **Thelma CENIS** at home, and a stepson, **John VANDECASTY** of Pittsburgh. There are eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Pettit funeral home. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Augustin SOUFFRANT, 80, husband of **Damasine CARLY SOUFFRANT**, died Thursday, April 15, 1954, at his home in Sturgeon. He was born July 11, 1873, in Belgium, a son of **Alexander and Mary WAUTHIER SOUFFRANT**. He came to the United States at the age of 16 years and settled with his family in McDonald. He had been a resident of Sturgeon for 60 years. He was a 50-year employee of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. and retired in 1937. He was a member of the Franco-Belgian club of Sturgeon.

Surviving are his wife and the following children: Alexander of Indianola, Henry of Carnegie, William of Noblestown, and Mrs. Joseph DU FOUR and Augustin, Jr., both of Sturgeon. There are 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A blessing service was held Monday afternoon in the Rogers funeral home, McDonald, in charge of the Rev. Fr. Michael CONROY, pastor of the St. Alphonsus church, McDonald. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery.

Mrs. **REGINIER**, 79, died at 2:00 a.m. Monday, April 18, 1954, in her home in Cecil following a brief illness. A daughter of **Jule and Frances PREAUX**, she was born, in Belgium. Mrs. REGINIER has been a resident of Cecil for the past 53 years.

She is survived by her husband **Firmin REGINIER**; three daughters and a son, Mrs. **Julia NUGENT**, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. **Emilia BEHLING** and **Emanuel HENNAUT**, both of Cecil, and Mrs. **Catherine ROUSSEL**, of Ruthfred Acres; and a sister Mrs. **Ora HENRY**. Three children, Mrs. **Frances CHANTRENNE**, Mrs. **Ora VANDEGATE** and **Emil HENNAUT**, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock this Thursday afternoon in the Coleman funeral home, Cecil in charge of the Rev. W. N. THORNBURG, pastor of the Venice U. P. church. Burial was in the Venice cemetery.

Mrs. **Bertha CHARLIER**, 74, of Wellsburg, WV, died at 12:20 a.m. Monday, August 17, 1958 in the North Wheeling hospital following a lingering illness. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Emile DEHOUX**, she was born August 25, 1884 in Belgium. She came to McDonald as a child, and had resided in the Weirton-Wellsburg area the past 40 years. Her husband, **Emile CHARLIER** died in 1921. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. **Wilma BROWN** of Weirton, WV, and Mrs. **Clyde ROBERTS** and Mrs. **Lennore BARNDT** of Wellsburg, WV, two sisters, Mrs. **William JOHNSON** of Paris, and Mrs. **Charles SMITH** of McDonald, and four brothers **Emile, Jules, Fred and Victor DEHOUX** all of McDonald. There are 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held August 20, in Wellsburg, WV, in charge of the Rev. Robert Johnson, of Wellsburg, WV. Burial was in Robinson's Run cemetery

Delivering the Land of their Fathers in WWII: the Story of the Sacrifice paid by the DE JONGHE/DEYONKE Family

Pictures sent by Dolores DEYOUNG-FALLON, Oregon

Many American soldiers who fought to deliver Europe during WWII were the descendants of Belgian emigrants. Whether Flemish or Walloon, wherever they settled in the US, returning to the land their parents/grandparents had come from was like returning home. Many lost their lives there. Many of the cousins they met while in combat still remember them and are looking for them.
The following article will tell a little bit about the DEJONGHE (DEYONKE; DEYONGE) who served during WWII.

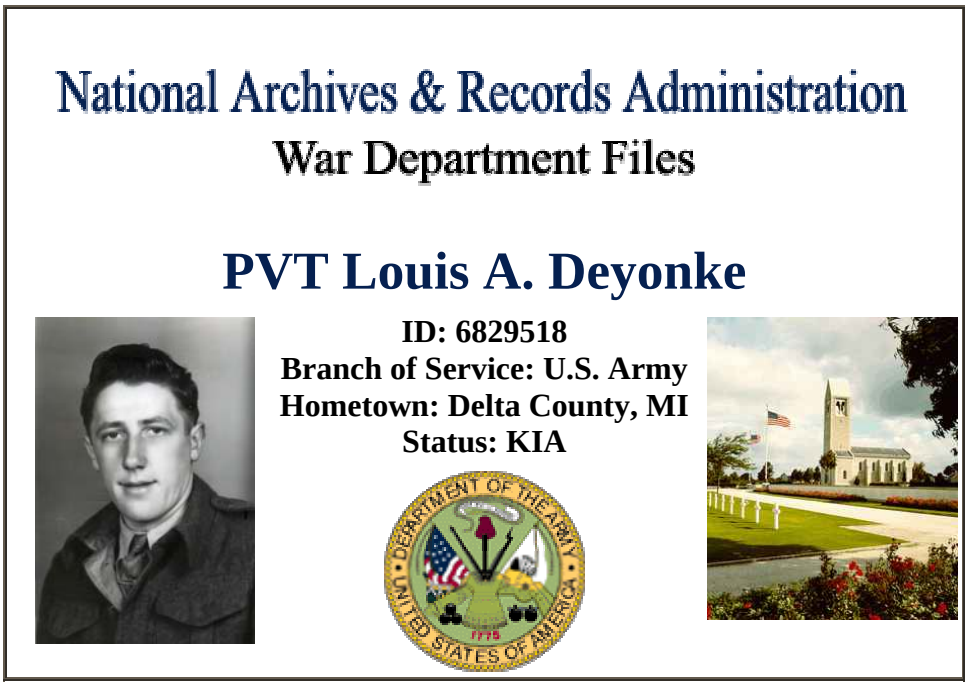
John DeYonke[2] started out in anti-aircraft but was tranferred when his younger brother Louis DeYonke was killed in the invasion of Normandy.
Louis was in the "Infantry Red Diamond Division".
Because he could speak Flenish, John served as an interpreter for German prisoners for 3 months. He was stationed in Vincennes, France, given a jeep to drive. He kept a journal but it was lost with his duffel bag.
He had the good fortune of visiting his parent's home in Northern Belgium (Kamiel DeYonge /DeYonke) and aunt's and uncle's while in the army in Belgium, riding with friends and celebrating.

"Pvt. Louis de Yonke beloved son of Kamiel De Jonke and Evelyn De Clercq".

Prepared by Georges PICAVET, Kruibeke, Belgium - e-mail: picavet@ping.be

Louis DE YONKE (6), born on 4 March 1921, Gladstone, Delta, Michigan (7) – died 26 July 1944, Saint-Lô, France, age: 23 (8,9). He was buried in St. James, Manche, France (10). He was a soldier, a private – Service#: 6 829 518 (1939 -1944); he was killed in action during the Normandy invasion

According to Mr. **John A. DE YONKE**, of Marquette, MI, his brother **Louis A. DE YONKE** joined the army in 1939[3] — Company K, 2nd Infantry (Red Diamond). He started in Sault Sainte Marie, then moved to Newfoundland, then England, then France. He died in Saint-Lô and was buried there[4].(11)



Louis DE YONKE is mentioned in two lists of Battle Deaths of the 2nd Infantry Regiment:
- DEYONKE, Louis A., Pvt, N. 17th St., Gladstone, Mich.
- DEYONKE Louis A 6829518 PVT INF KIA.

Lt Col US Army (retired) Phil Grinton6 confirmed that Company K would have been in the 3rd Battalion of the 2nd Infantry Regiment.

[2] Brother of Louis Deyonke
[3] 17 Oct 1939, age: 18 (9)
[4] Burial Memo: Brittany Cemetery, Plot I , Row 16, Grave 5

The Death Report issued by the national Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, states that he belonged to Company I, 2d Infantry, which is conflicting with the statement of Mr. John A. DE YONKE. Yet, this is of little consequence for the history of our Belgian-American hero, since at the fatal moment both companies were engaged in the same struggle.
We have not found proof of his joining the army in Sault Saint Marie, but can safely assume that he was with the 3rd Battalion of the 2nd Infantry Regiment as from 1939. The 2nd Infantry Regiment was part of the Fifth Infantry Division, whose insignia is the Red Diamond.

In this article, we will try to reconstruct the last years of Louis' life, giving more detail as the fatal date of July 26, 1944 approaches.

Chronology

The Second Infantry Regiment was stationed at Fort Wayne, Michigan, as part of the 6th Division until assigned to 5th Division on October 16, 1939.
1939, October 16: assigned to the 5th Division.
1939, November 3: transferred to Fort McClellan, Alabama
1940, April 11: to Fort Benning, Georgia
1940, May 11: to Camp Beauregard, Louisiana
1940, June 1: to Fort Wayne, Michigan on.
1940, August: at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin for the Fifth Division maneuvers.
1940, September 25: sent to Fort Custer, Michigan
1941, May-July,: Tennessee Maneuvers
1941, August: Louisiana Maneuvers
1941, September 16: 10th Combat Team arrives in Iceland
1941, December 24: 3rd Battalion, 2nd Inf arrives at Fort Sheridan
1942, January 10: staged at New York Port of Embarkation
1942, February 19: 2nd Inf less 3rd Bn and Co F sails from New York for Iceland aboard USS McCauley, USS Munargo and USS Borinquen
1942, March 30: 3rd Bn, 2nd Inf and Co F sail from New York for Iceland aboard USS Borinquen, USS Orizaba, and USS Munargo
1942, April 17: 3rd Bn (+) arrives in Reykjavik, Iceland
1943, August 6: 3rd Bn sails from Reykjavik for England aboard HMS Samaria
1943, August 9: arrival at Liverpool
1943, August 10: 3rd Bn arrives Tidworth Barracks, Wiltshire, England
1943, 15 August: remainder of the 2nd Inf sails from Hvalfjordur for England aboard the USAT Mariposa; debarked at Gourok, Scotland August 17, to arrive at Tidworth Barracks the next day.
1943, October 25: 2nd Inf arrives in County Down, Northern Ireland. CP opens in Rostrevor.
1944, June 29: the 2nd Infantry was alerted for overseas movement, 2400 hrs
1944, July 5-6: 2nd Inf sails from Belfast, Ireland, to Normandy
1944, July 9: 2nd Inf advance units land on Utah Beach, 2205 hrs
1944, July 10: 2nd Inf main body arrives in 5th Division concentration area between Montebourg and Valognes. Regtl CP opens near Huberville, 2100 hrs
1944, July 26: 2nd Inf enters combat with attack on Vidouville

Training in Great Britain

The arrival in Wiltshire, and the subsequent sojourn in Ireland, almost seemed a relief. Leaves, furloughs, and passes were granted for the first time in seventeen months. In spite of this, much training was accomplished during the months of August and September, 1943.
In Ireland, the regiments of the 5th Division were spread over much of the country-side.
After several weeks, the Regiment received replacements to bring it up to combat strength. The newcomers would be segregated for a two-weeks indoctrination period, during which they were made familiar with the Regiment's history and disciplinary training. More replacements were received during December 1943 to again bring the Regiment up to combat strength, some men having been lost due to normal attrition.
During the entire period between October 1943 through April 1944, the troops were subject to training, schooling, and testing in any aspect of warfare. In the final two months of training in 1943, vigorous marches were taken, with an effort made to reach the qualification of five miles in one hour, nine miles in two hours and twenty-five miles in eight hours.
Whereas during the previous months the emphasis was on physical training, the last two months, May and June, 1944, were chiefly dedicated to mental conditioning. The infantryman had to be taught to "hate and destroy" the enemy.

The move to the Western Front

At midnight on June 29, 1944, the 2nd Infantry was put under alert for overseas movement, and confined to their barracks. On July 5 and 6, the men boarded army transports in Belfast and sailed at midnight on the sixth.
The voyage was quiet, and according to one of the regiment's historians "passed too quickly". He adds: "The Commander of the ship did note the increased appetite over the last unit he had transported. We consumed 3,200 bushels of potatoes while units of the 2nd Div. on the same trip consumed only 1,900 bushels. It could be the men were used to sea voyages by this time."
The regiment's landing spot was Sugar Red Beach on Utah Beach, at Les Dunes-de-Varreville, due east of Saint-Germain-de-Varreville. The first 2nd Infantry troops landed on July 9 at 2205 hours and by 2100 hours the following day, most of the Regiment's units had come ashore. They were landing on friendly beaches that had been freed by the 4th Division a month earlier.
The men had to march, feet wet from the landing on the beach, to their assembly point between Montebourg and Valognes, about 18 km northwest of their landing spot. The Regimental Headquarters were set up near Huberville.
On July 13, the 2nd Infantry Regiment was ordered to relieve units of the 16th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division in the lines northwest of Caumont-l'Eventé. The motor move (some 290 trucks were used) and the relief were

effected by daylight, continuing through the night until early morning of July 14. The relief was to be made position by position, and weapon for weapon. As soon as a foxhole was vacated by the dusty veteran, a "Red Diamond" man stepped into place. By midnight, the 2nd Infantry Regiment suffered its first battle casualties from the German shell fire.

The relief was completed by 0100 hours on the 14th. The 1st and 2nd Battalions went into battle position and the 3rd Battalion became Division reserve.

The second night at the front was fairly quiet, since no enemy patrols were encountered and hostile fire was limited to intermittent artillery and mortar concentrations. Casualties, however, had risen sharply in contrast with the previous days. Now the number included two killed in action and nine wounded.

Action was generally quiet, save for some isolated encounters with enemy troops. A combat patrol of E Company had set its cap for Vidouville, ran into an enemy outpost before it could reach its objective; the engagement that ensued was broken off because of the arrival of a new dawn.

On July the 21st, 22nd and 23rd, the men suffered from the doings of another enemy — General Mud. The rain caused the soil to stick to the boots, making every movement difficult, in adding pounds of extra weight on each foot.

On July 24, the skies had cleared sufficiently to permit the enemy to break out some his fighters. The 2nd Infantry Regiment suffered no casualties.

Several raids were carried out by both sides during the following days and nights, keeping the outposts on the alert. Enemy aircrafts were over the sector almost every night and occasionally in the daytime. Enemy artillery fire continued to harass the troops.

Front line units patrolled extensively both day and night, securing information on enemy positions, which proved valuable in the later attack on Vidouville.

Operation "Cobra"

Operation "Cobra" was planned by the 1st U.S. Army as a breakthrough effort, commencing with a carpet bombing attack on the German lines followed by a general offensive along the entire Army front. The breakthrough was designed to be made in the area immediately West of St. Lô. Only a single regiment, the Second Infantry, was to be employed initially. Upon capture of Vidouville and Haut Vidouville it was to be relieved by the Ninth Infantry Regiment of the Second Infantry Division.

The target date for the operation was initially set as 22 July, but weather and other factors forced its postponement until 1100 hours on the 25th, when the bombers hit in force. The Second Infantry Regiment was ordered to attack at 0645 hours on 26 July.

Finally, on July 26, the Regiment went on the offensive. After a 15-minute artillery concentration, the men jumped off at 0635 hours, with 2 battalions abreast: the 1st battalion on the right, the 3rd Battalion on the left and the 2nd Infantry Division on its right.

Regimental objectives: to capture the town of Vidouville and to secure the high ground at Highway 3.

This was the first attack by a unit of the Fifth Division and it was to be a bitter fight. The enemy stubbornly refused to withdraw and poured machine gun, mortar and artillery fire on the attacking troops ceaselessly throughout most of the attack.

The 1st Battalion, with Companies A and B, ran into stiff resistance and had suffered heavy casualties in killed and wounded. Company C, initially kept in reserve, was committed to attack and reduce the garrison at Vidouville. Companies B and C resumed the attack, after brief reorganization, at 1130 and drove to within 200 yards south and southwest of the village by 1600.

When the Third Battalion jumped off at 0645, they met very little enemy resistance at first and were able, by 0800, to reach a line running due east of Vidouville. By 1030, Companies I and K had nearly reached their objectives, but K was forced to halt and organize before a troublesome enemy strongpoint that forced them to withdraw slightly in order to take cover from heavy automatic weapon fire from this strongpoint.

During the fighting in the woods by both battalions a large number of snipers were encountered, many of whom were tied in trees and caused some casualties before they were cleaned out.

The 2nd platoon of Company I crossed the highway into an open field, where it came under heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire directed at its flanks, so it was forced to drop back about 800 yards. For the rest of the day, the entire Battalion was subjected to merciless fire from crew-served weapons.

The third Battalion had moved ahead so fast in the attack that the Artillery Forward Observers were unable to maintain contact with their batteries and as a result the battalion was

Obituary: Gladstone Man Dies in France - (Pvt. Louis DeYonke killed in action on July 26)

Pvt. Louis DeYonke, a resident of Gladstone was killed in action in France on July 26. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Kamiel DeYonke were notified in a telegram received Wednesday night from the adjutant general's office.

Pvt. DeYonke, a member of Company One, Second Infantry, had been in service four years and 10 months. He received his training at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and was stationed in Iceland, England and Ireland before being sent to France. He was in France only seven days before he was killed.

He was 23 years old and was born here (Gladstone) on March 2, 1921.

He attended Gladstone schools, graduating from the high school with the class of 1938. While a high school student, he was active in student affairs and was a member of the school basketball team.

Surviving are his parents, a brother, corporal John DeYonke, who is stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and a sister, Sylvia, who resides in Detroit.

Escanaba Daily Press, Escanaba, MI, 11 Aug, 1944. p. 3.

pushed back when they were counter-attacked owing to the lack of coordinated supporting fires.

By 1500, the 2nd Battalion had to be committed to fill the gap between its sister battalions. The 2nd mopped up the area and organized the ground between the 1st and 3rd. Vidouville and remainder of the objective was reported completely ours by 1600 hours.

At 1800, all units started organizing the ground they held and digging in for the night.

Enemy strength, at the beginning of the attack, had been estimated at about 2 battalions of the 3rd Parachute Regiment, 3rd Parachute Division, considered the best German outfit in Normandy.

It took the regiment two more days to break the resistance in the area. Casualties for this action-filled period came to just over 400 men. During the entire war the Regiment lost 714 men killed in action.

Louis A. DE YONKE was killed near the village of Vidouville, probably in "le Bas de Vidouville", or in "la Jamerie", most likely between 6:45 and 16:00 on July the 26th, during the fiercest battle the 5th Infantry Division was engaged during the campaign. They were up against some of the finest German troops, and handicapped by a lack of artillery support.

I am quite happy to have learned about our distant relatives in the USA, who sent their sons to Europe to fight for the freedom that Europe and the world so dearly wanted.

The DE JONGHE family not only gave Louis, but also his full cousin **Roy Arthur DE YONGHE**, who was killed near Saint-Lô, and rests at the same cemetery as Louis. Two boys, one from Gladstone, Michigan, the other from Portland, Oregon, meet again in Saint-James, Normandy, France.[5]

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War Department Files

PVT Roy A. Deyonghe

ID: 39337924
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Multnomah County, OR
Status: KIA

Phillip J. DeYoung, Hibbing, Mn
George R. Dejonghe: Milan, IL U.S. Army; landed in France June 14, 1944. 79th Infantry; wounded July 7, 1944.; received the Purple Heart.
Joseph John DeJonghe Danville, IL U.S. Army; Army signal corps 1942 to 1946. Served in New Guinea then as commanding officer of the 304th signal radar maintenance unit; went in on Lingayen Gulf Invasion on Luzon. Received 4 medals: Philippine Independence, Philippine Liberation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and WWII Victory.
Robert O. DeJonghe Moline, IL U.S. Army Air Forces Air corps. Army Airways Communication System (Pacific)
Lloyd Burgess of Michigan
http://www.wwiimemorial.com/

Let us never forget them.

Sources

6. I am particularly grateful to the American Battle Commission, Washington, DC, for the help they have given me in finding the information I initially needed to identify our Belgian-American hero. I am indebted to Mr. Fred Body (2nd Bn. 2nd Inf), of Oak Brook, IL, National Secretary of the Society of the Fifth Division, United States Army, for the information on the history of the "Red Diamond" Regiment, and to Lt Col US Army (Retired) Phil Grinton, who put me on the right track in the first place. I should not forget my friends at Roots-L, and especially Robert Magnan, Phil Grinton, Ellis Brockman, and Mike Rice for their invaluable assistance in tracing information on the DE YONKE family in Gladstone.
7. Certificate of birth, Michigan Department of Health, Bureau of Records and Statistics, Filed 5 Mar 1921.
8. Report of Death, National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO.
9. Report of Death, War Department, The Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C.
10. Brittany Cemetery lies 1 1/2 miles southeast of the village of St. James (Manche), France, 12 miles south of Avranches and 14 miles north of Fougères.
At this cemetery, covering 28 acres of rolling farm country near the eastern edge of Brittany, rest 4,410 of our Dead, most of whom gave their lives in the Normandy and Brittany campaigns in 1944. Along the retaining wall of the memorial terrace are inscribed the names of 198 of the Missing whose resting place "is known only to God."
11. Telephone communication, Mr. John. A DE YONKE, Marquette, MI, August 1995.

[5] His story in the next issue of BL

DECLARATIONS OF INTENTION: Brown County, Wisconsin

A continuing series, submitted by Mary Ann Defnet

The Declarations now include the birth date and place of birth of the immigrants. We are including these to aid the researcher. Names appear as written by the Clerk or the immigrant, with corrections in parentheses, if known. These Declarations are on file at the Area Research Center, University of Wisconsin/Green Bay. (Area Research Center References: Vol. 5, Box 9, Folder 2 and Vol. 6, Box 9, Folder 3)

Name	Birth	Place	Port	Arrival	Declaration
BOURIN (BAURAIN), Isadore	2 Oct 1869	Turby Center (Thorembais-St.Trond)	New York	Sep 1880	13 Aug1914
DE CLERC, Joseph	25 Feb 1890	Louvain	New York	26 Jan 1913	9 Feb 1914
DERWAE, Louis	18 May 1891	Oud-Heverlee	New York	31 Nov 1912	1 Apr 1914
PAEPS, Eugene John	10 June 1890	St. Joris-Weert	Philadelphia	3 May 1893	6 June 1914
REMY, Jules	5 Dec 1883	Jurnet	New York	12 Jun 1891	13 Aug 1914
SCHOLLAERT, Joseph Mortis	13 May 1883	Ghent	New York	3 Apr 1890	21 May 1914
SCHROEDER, Albert	29 Jun 1885	Weert-St George	New York	1 Apr 1893	14 Jan 1914
SPREUTLES, Isaac	28 Aug 1881	Bausep (?)	Philadelphia	Apr 1888	4 Aug 1914
STIMART, Louis	22 Mar 1879	Taviers	New York	3 Dec 1895	10 Mar 1914
VAN EYKE, Henry	20 Jul 1875	Brussels	New York	15 May 1893	24 Aug 1914
VAN DEN BROUCK, Oscar	16 Dec 1885	Handzaeme	New York	2 Mar 1913	5 Jun 1914
VANDERHEIDEN, Frank	1 Jan 1883	Oud-Heverlee	New York	7 Jan 1908	24 Sep 1914
VANDEZANDE, Frank	7 Sep 1884	Corbeek Dyle	New York	11 Jun 1913	29 Sep 1914
VANNIEUWENHOVEN, Fred	2 Feb 1893	St. Joris-Weert	New York	9 Feb 1901	10 Mar 1914
VAN PEE, Constant	16 Jan 1891	St. Joris-Weert	New York	31 Jul 1892	15 Apr 1914
VONCKX, Joseph	29 Oct 1871	Weert-St.George	New York	28 Sep 1906	14 Jan 1914
ANTONNEAU, Paul	17 Jul 1868	Nazen (Nethen?)	New York	21 Sep 1871	2 Mar 1915
CAPPELLE, Jules	26 Nov 1886	Cortmarck	New York	17 Nov 1913	23 Dec 1915
CONARD, Louis	2 Dec 1856	Namur	Portland, Me	17 Apr 1872	14 May 1915
COLOGNE, Alphonse	7 Feb 1871	Oud-Heverlee	New York	1 Apr 1906	25 Feb 1915
DELLOYE, Frank John	4 Feb 1880	Tranbly (?)	Philadelphia	14 Sep 1880	23 Feb 1915
MEULEMANS, Edward Carrol	7 Sep 1875	Blanden	New York	10 Aug 1883	22 May 1915
MICHAUX, Aloysius J.	23 Feb 1881	Antwe rp	New York	Apr 1911	25 Oct 1915
PEETERS, Constant	27 Oct 1871	Weert-St.George	New York	Aug 1905	1 Jun 1915
SIMOENS, Triphon	15 Mar 1876	Ruysdade (Ruiselede)	New York	4 Apr 1909	22 Jan 1915
VAN PAY, Charles	20 Sep 1885	Huldenberg	New York	26 Jul 1886	15 Jan 1915
VAN STEENBERGEN, Kamiel	10 Apr 1896	Beveren	New York	28 Oct 1914	23 Dec 1915
VAN WASSENHOVE, Amadu	11 Nov 1884	Conegham	New York	19 Sep 1910	22 Jan 1915
COOPMANS, Philip	26 Apr 1877	Heverlee	New York	6 Apr 1906	15 Mar 1916
DANIELS, William	10 Aug 1878	St. George	New York	24 Apr 1912	13 Dec 1916
DE BACKER, August	20 Sept 1886	Verrebroeck	New York	25 Apr 1911	6 Mar 1916
GEVAERT, Peter	17 Nov 1871	Zornerken	New York	15 Jun 1908	31 Aug 1916
GILLIS, Alphonse	10 Dec 1867	Ottenburg	Philadelphia	17 Oct 1880	15 Jun 1916
MELOTTE, Felix	29 Dec 1888	St. Mary's	New York	15 Jun 1891	21 Aug 1916
SEVENANTS, Edward Julius	30 May 1888	Brabeek	New York	May 1889	15 Mar 1916

Mary Ann's Wisconsin Corner:
Members of the Peninsula Belgian-American Club have been busy this summer with exhibits at Belgian Days (Brussels); Green Bay's 150th Birthday Festival; and at Heritage Hill's Belgian Farm Day (Green Bay). Barbare Chisholm has given talks to the Door County Historical Society concerning her ancestors and the effects of the Peshtigo Fire (Oct 1871) on the Belgian settlement. Cleaning and painting crews have refurbished the Clubrooms at Namur, including a room for those interested in genealogical research.
Thirty-five members will make the biennial tour to Belgium in September. The host group there, the Wallonie-Wisconsin Society, has special events planned. A 6-day group trip to Hungary and Austria is also part of the tour.

Marriage Publications – Charleroi, Belgium 1881 (to be continued)

Groom	Groom's Father	Groom's Mother	Publ. 1
ALLARD, Adrien	Joseph	Cecile Hortense DEPASSE	13 Feb 1881
ANDRIS, Edgard Marie Joseph Daniel	Achille Isidore	Marie Agathe Joseph LAMBERT	30 Jan 1881
BAILLEUX, Francois	Jean Francois	Marie Therese CASSAUBON	16 Jan 1881
BLONDIAUX, Andre	Andre	Leocadie DEWERPE	16 Jan 1881
BONNET, Jean Baptiste Joseph	Jean Joseph	Pauline Seraphine Joseph SIMON	16 Jan 1881
BOTTE, Gerard Victor	Leopold	Antoinette LARON	13 Feb 1881
BURKHARDT, Leonard Eugene	Edouard	Henriette Louise CORBACH	2 Jan 1881
COULON, Arthur Louis	Nicolas	Ferdinande MAYEUX	30 Jan 1881
DEPAEPE, Louis Ghislain	Albert	Honorine GALANT	
DEVRUYST, Charles	?	Sophie DEVRUYST	9 Jan 1881
DIERCKX, Louis Francois	Jean Francois	Anne Henriette BERGE	2 Jan 1881
DUFOREIT, Fidele Auguste	Amand Fidele Joseph	Pauline Catherine Joseph WATTRELOS	2 Jan 1881
DURVAUX, Gustave	Leopold	Marie Therese DURNAUX	2 Jan 1881
FAUCONNIER, Emile Joseph	Jacques Joseph	Felicite BAUDERET	13 Feb 1881
FONTAINE, Leopold	Floren Desire	Antoinette MARICQ	9 Jan 1881
FRECOURT, Henri	Alexandre	Leocadie DUBRULE	6 Feb 1881
FRIART, Alexandre	Clement	Rosalie DEDRAMAKER	23 Jan 1881
GANDIBLEU, Jean Baptiste	Alexis	Marie Catherine MAIGRET	9 Jan 1881
GEORGE, Jules Antoine Joseph	Alexandre	Antoinette JAUPART	2 Jan 1881
HAGENET, Lambert Lievin	Lambert Barthelemy	Hermeline Rosalie NEVELSTEIN	6 Feb 1881
HENRY, Felicien	Felix	Francoise BARRAS	9 Jan 1881
HENRY, Pierre Joseph	Constant	Josephine HENRY	2 Jan 1881
HORGNIES, Louis	Jean Baptiste	Virginie OTTELET	23 Jan 1881
HOUYOUX, Alphonse	Auguste Joseph	Marie Joseph JACQUET	30 Jan 1881
HUGUET, Eloi Ambroise Joseph	Alexis Arnould	Desire Hypolite Albertine Jeanne EDMOND	9 Jan 1881
HUYBRECHTS, Jean Joseph	Henri	Marie Pauline VAN EECK	6 Feb 1881
LAMBERT, Jean Etienne	Jean Nicolas	Marie Joseph BACH or BOET	30 Jan 1881
LEFEBVRE, Adolphe	Alexandre	Adolphe Sophie SPIENS	13 Feb 1881
LEFEVRE, Louis Philippe	Philippe Herbert	Heliodore CORDIER	13 Feb 1881
LENAIN, Pierre Eugene Urbain	Pierre Joseph	Marie Catherine VARLET	
LORMAND, Nicolas Joseph	Joseph Philippe	Clementine DERAVAIS	16 Jan 1881
MASSON, Jacques	Isidore	Alexandrine PIRAUX	6 Feb 1881
MATOT, Ferdinand Joseph	Adolphe Joseph Ghislain	Amelie Barbe DAMOISY	30 Jan 1881
MESUREUR, Emile Antoine Nic. Joseph	Francois Jean Baptiste/Henriette Jeanne RENNOIS		16Jan 1881
MICHEL, Joseph Jean Baptiste	Jean Thomas Joseph/Rosalie Therese Joseph CAPELLE		2 Jan 1881
MILONTON, Felix Jean Baptiste	Pierre	Bibenne HOLEMANS	6 Feb 1881
NAVEZ, Eugene Alphonse	Louis Joseph	Anne Marie DEFRAINE	6 Feb 1881
NOEL, Pierre Joseph	Pierre Joseph	Lambertine LEMAIRE	2 Jan 1881
PIANETTI, Joseph	Francois Theodore	Orsola DOMINONI	23 Jan 1881
PIENS, Pierre	Frederic	Rosalie LIEVENS	2 Jan 1881
SACRE, Vital	Charles Xavier Joseph	Marie Therese DESSY	2 Jan 1881
SENNECHARLES, Francois	Charles Joseph	Anne Joseph CURICOEUR	13 Feb 1881
TERRACE, Alphonse	Constantin	Jeanne Catherine VAN DROOGENBROECK	2 Jan 1881
THIRION, Pierre Francois Joseph	Jean Francois	Pacifique Joseph LEJEUNE	9 Jan 1881
TRICOT, Gustave	Pierre	Pelagie PIRAUX	30 Jan 1881
VANDERNOTTE, Alexandre Joseph	Olivier Joseph	Aurelie Joseph BERTINCHAMPS	13 Feb 1881
WIBIER, Alexandre	Joseph	Alexandrine Mathilde WILLIAME	13 Feb 1881

Publ. 2	Bride	Bride's father	Bride's Mother
20 Feb 1881	LABENNE, Julie	Joseph	Augustine TREMPON
6 Feb 1881	DAUMERIE, Camille	Francois	Genevieve GERARD
23 Jan 1881	ROBIN, Marie Victoire	Pierre Joseph	Victoire MATHY
23 Jan 1881	FAINELLE, Josephine Gillaine	Joseph Herbert	Marie Therese TILMANT
23 Jan 1881	LEJEUNE, Lydie Marie	Severin	Celestine DEMARET
20 Feb 1881	BLAISE, Odile Marguerite	Jacques Nicolas	Hortense LERAT
9 Jan 1881	WOOS, Marie Joseph	Henri	Marie Gertrude LEJEUNE
6 Feb 1881	SCHMIDT, Marie Zoe	Jean Baptiste	Rosalie LEFEVRE
2 Jan 1881	SERGEANT, Marie Louise	Jean Baptiste	Nathalie BURENS
16 Jan 1881	SACRE, Catherine	Guillaume	Angelique LEBRUN
9 Jan 1881	TOUSSAINT, Clementine	Louis	Marie Catherine KOGELS
9 Jan 1881	BEAUDRAPS, Augustine Rosalie	Jacques Marie	Augustine Rosalie GUYOT
9 Jan 1881	EVRARD, Amelie Desiree	Victorien	Agnes DELGOUFFRE
20 Feb 1881	FALISE, Louise Elise	Louis	Ursule STEVENS
16 Jan 1881	MASSON, Marie Catherine	Lambert Joseph	Catherine Joseph LECLERCQ
13 Feb 1821	WIARD, Palmire	Victor Joseph	Rose BULLET?
30 Jan 1881	FRANCOTTE, Clemence	Philippe	Melanie CIGONY
16 Jan 1881	PAREE, Clemence	Laurent Jean Baptiste	Barbe GANTOIS
9 Jan 1881	LARMOYEUX, Marie	Victor	Nelly ACCARIN
13 Feb 1821	BERTINCHAMPS, Alix	Felix	Rosalie PIERARD
16 Jan 1881	THIBAUT, Josephine	Theophile Joseph	Marie Ferdinande CHAPELLE
9 Jan 1881	LORENT, Marie Victoire	Joseph Henri	Desiree Joseph BRUYR
30 Jan 1881	VOGELS, Marie Felicie	Emmanuel	Henriette PLAISANT
6 Feb 1881	BAUWENS, Louise Therese Elisabeth	Dominique	Elisabeth MASOTTE
16 Jan 1881	CORNIL, Angelique	Henri	Eugenie LALIEU
13 Feb 1821	CHARLES, Florence	Francois	Seraphine Mottiaux
6 Feb 1881	DUJARDIN, Anne Marie Joseph Ghislaine	Jacques Joseph	Genevieve STINNIER?
20 Feb 1881	ROUFFART, Hectorine Hub. Antoinette	Jean Hubert	Virginie Marie Anne CHAPEL
20 Feb 1881	MATHIEU, Amelie Joseph	Charles Joseph	Justine LEGRAND
2 Jan 1881	ALBERT, Marie Juliette	Hubert Felix Charles	Julie Joseph POURBAIX
23 Jan 1881	DAUBRESSE, Pauline	Etienne	Pauline LEJEUNE
13 Feb 1821	INSLEGERS, Leontine	Francois	Rose FALIER
6 Feb 1881	MALHER, Sophie	Salomon	Regine LAPY
23 Jan 1881	BLANC, Josephine Henriette	Antoine	Eleonore Joseph BAUDOUX
9 Jan 1881	LAGAUCHE, Clementine Hubertine	Francois Xavier	Catherine TOMBAELE
13 Feb 1821	VRYDAL, Antoinette		Catherine VRYDAL
13 Feb 1821	DAGNELIES, Yolente Marie	Louis Joseph	Nathalie LANGELE
9 Jan 1881	BURNY, Irma Catherine Josephine	Antoine Desire	Charlotte Francoise TATON
30 Jan 1881	MICHAUX, Malvina	Jean Francois	Henriette Joseph REUMONT
9 Jan 1881	DUTILLEUL, Hortense Marie	Antoine Louis	Marie Catherine LABIESSE
9 Jan 1881	PREAT, Elise	Charles	Marie Barbe QUINET
20 Feb 1881	ROBERT, Marie		Josephine ROBERT
9 Jan 1881	VANDERBIEST, Clemence	Joseph	Francoise VANDERMEERSSCH
16 Jan 1881	POURTOIS, Marie Aimee	Chrisante	Marie PIERARD
6 Feb 1881	BEAULIEU, Josephine	Adrien	Isabelle DEBELDER
20 Feb 1881	DEFAIVRE, Leona	Jacques	Ursule GOFFAUX
20 Feb 1881	MICHAUX, Isabelle Joseph	Guillaume	Melanie Joseph PORIGNEAUX

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D'HONDT, Elisa, born Ninove, Belgium, died Mar 9,1989 d/o **Edward DeSutter & Stephanie VanDerBiest**.*Tillsonburg News Obits*

D'HULSTER, Achiel Joseph; of Tillsonburg, Ont, Canada; born Oct 5,1906 Klerken, W,F., Belgium; died Jan 30,1995; wife **Estelle Maria DEWYSE** (Feb 27,1987)

D'HULSTER, Raymond Joseph; of Tillsonburg, ON, Canada; born Mar 18,1922 Menen, Belgium; died Oct 20,1993; wife **Margaret VANDERGUNST**; son of **Cyriel D'HULSTER & Marie DEBRUYNE**

D'HULSTER (Maiden Name: **Dwyse**), Stella (**Estelle) Maria**; Tillsonburg, ON, Canada; born Mar 27,1914 Tierten, West Flanders, Belgium; came to Canada in 1949; died Feb 27,1987; daughter of **Henri DEWYSE & Elisa DECEUNINCK**

DIAGRE, Edward Richard; of RR 1, Mount Elgin, ON, Canada; born Jul 3,1927 Kortryk, West Flanders, Belgium; died Apr 1,1993; wife **Sylvia DEWEERDT**; son of **Albert DIAGRE & Leonia DERUMAUX**

DIERICK, Jules; Delhi ON; born Belgium; died Oct 7,1984; 82nd year; son of **Adolphe DIERICK & Marie NOTTELBAERT**

DOBBELAERE, Julien G; of Tillsonburg, ON, Canada; born Mar 8,1924 Ursel, Belgium; died Aug 8,1993; wife **Emma (RIGOLE**) **COUCKE**; son of **Cyriel DOBBELAERE & Matilda VANHAELE**

DOBBELAERE - Maurice J., Born in Maldegem (Belgium) 2.1.1919 age 80, Superior, Wisconsin, died July 8, 1999 in St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, MN. Survived by wife **Alice (DeBock**); daughter **Lori (Jim) Klug**; son, **Dennis (Donna) Dobbelaere**; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. William Downs-LeSage Funeral Home, Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church, interment in St. Francis Cemetery, Superior.

DOCKX, Jeanne, born Oct 12, 1910, Berlarr Antwerp, Belgium died Dec 4,1990 daughter of Joseph DeCuyper

DREES, Elvira, born Jun 16,1910 Beveren-Waas, East Flanders, Belgium died Dec 12,1983 daughter of Mr & mrs **Theophile VanCranenenenroek**

DREES, Frans; of RR 1, Vittoria, ON, Canada; born Apr 18,1913 Haasdonck, EF Belgium; came to Canada in 1951 died Oct 20,1994; wife **Elvira VANCRAENENBROECK**; son of **William DREES & Clemencs KUSE**

DURY, Margaret; Delhi ON; born Thorout, Belgium; came to Canda 1927; died Apr 6,1984; 79th year; daughter of **Camiel REYNAERT & Celina RAMBOER**

EECKELOO, Achiel Henry, born Oct 20,1916 Jabbeke, West Flanders, Belgium died Jun 2,1983 son of **Charles Eeckeloo & Louise VanKerrebroeck**

ERAUW, Lucien; of RR1, Delhi, Ont, Canada; born Nov 20,1926 Herzele, E.F., Belgium; died Apr 16,1995; wife **Elsie VANLANDSCHOOT**

ESKILDSEN, Roland W: 57, of 1765 West U.S. 2, Iron River, died Sunday, March 4, 2001, at his home, following a lengthy illness. He was born Jan. 6, 1944, in Chicago, son of the late **James and Lillian (Benson) Eskildsen**. He grew up and graduated from high school in Hillside, Ill. He served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper and following his honorable discharged returned to Illinois where he worked as a carpenter. He married the former **Edith Wiegering** on April 1, 1965, and the couple had made their home in Round Lake, Ill. When Mr. Eskildsen retired in 1995, the coupled moved to Iron River. He leaves his wife, Edith; three daughters, **Caroline (Rich) Piper** of Trevor, Wis., **Christine (Edwin) Buytaert** of Iron River, and **Claudia (James) Fikert** of Wonder Lake, Ill.; three brothers, James Eskildsen of Cassville, Mo., Leon Eskildsen of Toulon, Ill., and Henry Eskildsen of Rockford, Ill., and four granddaughters. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Langenberg Funeral Home-Iron River Chapel. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Rev. Thomas Wickstrom, pastor of the First Lutheran Church in Iron River, will officiate. Members of the West Side Veterans Council will accord military rites at the funeral service. The Langenberg Funeral Home-Iron River Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

EVENS, Madeleine; Delhi,ON,Canada; born Beveren-Waas, Belgium; came to Canada in 1947; died Apr 29,1992; age 79th year; daughter of **Petrus August DECAUWER & Maria Sylvia AUDENAERT**

EVENS, Sylvia; Delhi ON Canada; born Belgium; came to Canada in 1923; died Jul 12,1985; age 85th year; daughter of **Stanislaus DEDOBBELAERE & Elodie BUYL**

EVERAERT, Bertha: a long time resident of Wallaceburg passed away peacefully at Fairfield Park in Wallaceburg on Sunday March 18, 2001 at the age of 95 years. Bertha was born in Belgium and was a daughter of the late **Henry Desnouck** and **Marie Vergote**. She was a member of Holy Family Church in Wallaceburg, a former member of the C.W.L., the

Wallaceburg Community Senior Centre and was a Pioneer Bond holder of the C.B.D. Club. Beloved wife of the late **Jerome Everaert** (1964). Dear mother of **Jacqueline (VanDamme) Regnier** of Wallaceburg. Sadly missed by 7 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. Predeceased by her sons-in-law **Joe VanDamme** (1979) and **Clarence Regnier** (1986). Also 2 sisters and 7 brothers. The late Mrs. Everaert rested at the ERIC F. NICHOLLS FUNERAL HOME 639 Elgin Street, Wallaceburg until Wednesday March 21, 2001 when the funeral proceeded to Holy Family Church for the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. with Fr. Dennis Wilhelm,
Celebrant. Mrs. Frances Fraleigh presided at the organ and the Church Choir sang the Mass. Pall bearers were her great grandsons David Babbitt, Joe VanDamme, Joe, David and Tom Riedl and Jeff Dawson. Flower Bearers were her great grandaughters Erin Babbitt, Emma Farlow and Sharyn and Laura VanDamme. Interment in Riverview Cemetery, Wallaceburg.Parish Prayers were offered at the funeral home Tuesday at 3 p.m. As an expression of sympathy donations to Sydenham District Hospital Foundation or the Charity of Your Choice may be left at the funeral home. As a living memorial a tree will be planted in Nicholls Memorial Forest in memory of Bertha Everaert.
March 21, 2001, Wallaceburg Courier Press *

FOULON, Michael H; RR 2 Tillsonburg, ON, Canada; born May 1,1911 Belgium; came to Canada in 1924; died Aug 27,1987; son of **Henri FOULON & Marie DONCKELS**

FRANCOIS, Rene Ivo; Courtland ON; born Feb 26,1911 Pitthem, West Flanders, Belgium; died June 20,1984; son of **Valerie FRANCOIS & Marguerite DEDECKER**

GEERTS, Emiel A; Delhi ON Canada; bron Herzele, Belgium; came to Canada in 1929; died Feb 12,1985; age 91st yr

GHESQUIERE, Clara Martha; Tillsonburg ON; born Feb 9,1903 Kachtem, West Flanders, Belgium;died Feb 14,1984; daughter of **Camiel DUJARDIN & Maria DEERU**

GHESQUIERE, Gustaf; of West Lorne, ON, Canada; born Belgium; came to Canada in 1953; died Apr 26,1993; age 84th year; wife Yvonne (1991)

GHESQUIERE, Henri Michel, born Moorslede West Flanders, belgium died Dec 30,1989 s/o **Theophilus Ghesquiere & Maria Verstraete** *Tillsonburg News Obits*

GHESQUIERE, Noel; of Tillsonburg, Ont, Canada; born Apr 23,1904 Wevelgem, West Flanders, Belgium; died Sep 21,1995; wife **Madeleine BEKAERT**; son of **Leander & Victorine GHESQUIERE**

GHEYSEN, Yvonne; Delhi, ON, Canada; born St.Elooys Winkel, W.F. Belgium; came to Canada in 1952; died Oct 11,1992; age 86th year; daughter of **Cyriel TANDT & Emma VERHELLE**

GILBERT, Julie; of Port Rowan, Ont, Canada; born West Flanders, Belgium; came to Canada in 1930; died Mar 18,1995; age 76th year; husband **Joseph J. SPIETAELS** 1993; daughter of **ACHIEL VANDEWEGHE** (1976) & **Julienne DEFRANC** (1981)

GOETHALS, Alberic; RR #1, Vittoria ON; born Sept 5,1904 Pitthem, West Flanders Belgium; died Jul 4,1984; son of **August GOETHALS & Marie HEYTENS**

GOOSSENS, Charles, born Apr 6,1906, Brussels, Belgium died Apr 7,1990 son of **Emiel & Rose Goossens**

GOOSSENS, Martha; of Tillsonburg, ON, Canada; born Aug 26,1902 Stekene, East Flanders, Belgium; came to Canada in 1924; husband **Achiel GOOSSENS** (May 20,1959); died Feb 23,1992; daughter of **Alois DEBRUYNE & Stephanie VANREMOORTEL**

GOOVAERTS, Albert Frank: a longtime resident of Wallaceburg passed away peacefully at Fairfield Park in Wallaceburg on Monday March 12, 2001 at the age of 88 years. He was born in Denderhautem, Belgium and was a son of the late **Joseph and Marie (Cautaert) Goovaerts**. Albert had attended the St. James Anglican Church in Wallaceburg, and was a retiree of the Glass Factory in Wallaceburg. He was a veteran of W.W. II, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 252 in Bothwell and was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters. Albert enjoyed woodworking, fishing and he especially took pride in his sunflowers which had become one of his trademarks in Wallaceburg. Beloved husband of 58 years to Dorothea (Stocking) Goovaerts. Loving father of **Deb and her husband Richard Stirling** of Sombra. Proud grandfather of **Dan Stirling** of **Sarnia and Dave Stirling** of Sombra. Kind brother and brother-in-law of **Henriette and the late Ken Griggs**, **August and Margaret Goovaerts** all of Bothwell and the late Alexius Goovaerts. He will always be remembered by his many family and friends. Family received friends at the ERIC F. NICHOLLS FUNERAL HOME 639 Elgin Street, Wallaceburg on Tuesday March 13, 2001 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral Services were conducted in the chapel of the funeral home on Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Paul Linklater of St. James Anglican Church, Officiating. Pall Bearers were Dan Striling, Dave Stirling,

Ken Griggs Jr., Dennis Stocking, Bill Fields and Don Sterling. Interment in Bothwell Cemetery, Bothwell, Ontario. As a tribute to their fallen comrade the Bothwell Legion held a memorial service at the funeral home Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. As an expression of sympathy donations to Palliative Care at Fairfield Park may be left at the funeral home. As a living memorial a tree will be planted in Nicholls Memorial Forest in memory of Albert Frank Goovaerts. * March 21, 2001, Wallaceburg Courier Press *

GORIS, Martha Maria; RR #1 St. Williams ON; born Oct 27,1897 Betecom, East Flanders Belgium; died Jan 31,1984; came to Canada 1929; daughter of **Bernaidus VANROMPAEY & Philomena PEETERS**

GOUDESEUNE, Yvonne; Langton ON; born Jun 7,1900 Langemark, West Flanders, Belgium; died Jan 21,1984; daughter of **Petrus LEFEVRE & Pauline DEFRANQ**

GRYMONPREZ, Elza (Elsie), born Belgium died Jan 19,1983

Banquet Photo – Belgian Colony of Chicago – 1930

Submitted by Chuck Van Den Eeden

The picture is a banquet scene taken on July 20, 1930 at Stevens Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The Belgian Colony of Chicago was the sponsor in celebration of the Centenary of Independence of Belgium, 1830 / 1930, and honoring the visit to Chicago of Prince Albert DeLigne and Princess DeLigne. Many of the attendees were members of the Belgian American Club of Chicago and of the Chicago Flat Janitors Union, Local #1. A large number of Belgian immigrants to Chicago were employed as janitors and were involved in founding the union.

The photo was among my paternal grandfather's papers and I have ascertained a number of photos were taken at the banquet, probably of the dignitaries, but I have not been able to find any record of them. I believe the photographer's negatives were donated to the Chicago Historical Society but have not been cataloged as yet. If anyone has photos of this banquet, I would be interested in obtaining duplicates.

Christina A. Reynen, Scholar in Residence at the Newberry Library in Chicago, continues her reseach in an effort to identify and preserve the information regarding early Belgian immigrants to Chicago and is very interested in memorabilia such as this photo, as well as family histories / photos, and other biographical material - perhaps from the Belgian American Club and the Chicago Flat Janitors Union including publications, newsletters, membership lists etc. She can be reached at: history@viwchicago.org - or by regular mail: 21 W. Goethe 4D, Chicago, IL 60610.

In recent years, the Belgian American Club of Chicago was reorganized and an updated and interesting web site can be found at: http://www.viwchicago.org

I understand the early records for the club [before approx. 1940] were severely damage when a janitor's basement flat flooded [a common occurrence for janitor families] and were discarded as unusable. The membership records would have been a valuable resource and that event now causes the interest in material from the club and union. If anyone has any of this historical material mentioned above they wish to donate or submit for duplication, please contact Christina or me. Chuck Van Den Eeden, 337 N. Lombard Ave., Lombard, IL 60148-2012 - 630 627-6893 - cjeeden@comcast.net

Courtesy Christina A. Reynen

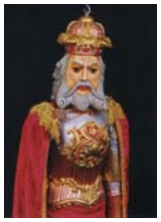
Belgian Hall

On September 11, 2004 : BELGIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CHICAGO FUNDRAISER:

TOUR of CHICAGO'S BELGIAN NEIGHBORHOODS

Krista Reynen conducted a tour of Chicago's Belgian neighborhoods and explained its history. After meeting at the Belgian Church, St. John Berchmans, at 2517 W. Logan Boulevard in Chicago, they went Fullerton & Talman Avenues to discuss the history of the Belgians in that neighborhood. They then drove to St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove (Belmont and Cumberland Avenues), a Belgian cemetery. http://www.viwchicago.org/news_events.html#news

Internet Links of interest:



Flanders: http://www.crgfa.org
(in French) – includes the great dates in the history of Flanders; the Flemish names of French cities

Marionnettes in Liège: http://users.win.be/ws100133/docped/mario.htm
(submitted by Joseph BEAUJEAN)

National Underground Railroad for Freedom
www.freedomcenter.org

Looking for **US veterans**? Try http://aad.archives.gov/aad
Not the easiest site to work with but rather impressive.

1870 Belgians in US Census:

Gargantuan Task accomplished!
Thank You Kathleen & Guy !

Kathleen Race and Guy Gallez finished transcribing the 1870 Census.
All the States are now available and are indexed by name.
The address of the web site is :
http://www.geocities.com/wanr8846/ or http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~belgintheamcivwar/
Follow the link "census" to begin with the alphabetical index.
A "Pico search" is also linked with the index.
Good luck in your research.

Are You Looking for One of These?
http://users.skynet.be/gelux/pagespratiques/M%E9morialAdm1834.htm

Translated genealogical informations taken from the
Mémorial administratif de la Province de Luxembourg , Année 1834 , 2° semestre

FRIESE, Nicolas, from Messancy, born on 13 Nov 1814 of Dominique and Marg. BECHTER - 1m73, grey blue eyes, brown hair. Orphan. No idea what has become of him. Left town a while ago. Finally presented himself and was incorporated in the army reserves

URBAIN, François, from Aubange, born on 25 Oct 1812 of Jean and Elis. LOMMEL - 1m73, blue eyes, dark brown hair. Retired to the Fortress of Luxemburg because he could not get the exemption he claimed from a brother's chief of services.

MATHIEU, Jacques, from Heinsch, born 1 Aug 1814 of Pierre and Catherine SCHNEIDER - 1m73, blue eyes, blonde hair. Was exempted in 1833 as a volunteer. Since deserted from the Belgian army. Said to be in Portugal.

JACQUES, Léopold, from Chassepierre, born 20 Sep 1815 of Jean and Catherine DERUETTE - 1m73, blue eyes, blonde hair. Resides in Paris where he works as a servant

HENROTIN, Henri-Joseph, from Tellin, born 6 Apr 1813 of Hubert and M-Josèphe GARNIER – 1m73, blue eyes, blonde hair; Married in France at Donchery near Sedan. He was sure his marriage performed after January 1st, would be cause for exemption. He refuses to be incorporated.

LALLEMAND, Nicolas-Joseph, from Corbion, born 16 Nov 1814 of Poncelet and M-Josèphe BARBAZON - 1m65, grey eyes, brown hair. Was exempted in 1833 as volunteer. Deserted; said to be at the service of Spain

JANNOT, Antoine-Henri, from Marche, born 30 Nov 1815 of Antoine and M-Augustine PENASSE - 1m65, grey eyes, brown hair. Has been residing in paris for some years. His father registered him and presented himself at the lottery in his place.

ALARD, Martin-Joseph from Borlon, born 1 May 1814 of J-Joseph and M-Anne CONRARD - 1m65, grey eyes, brown hair; resided with his family at Dousseux, canton of Dhuy , province of Namur. Passed away 24 July 1834.

HOFFMAN, Jean-Pierre from Tavigny, born 16 Oct 1814 of Jean and M-Thérèse HOFFMAN – Was exempted in 1833 because of his size. Selected again in 1834. Said to be around Echternach.

BLONDEL, Pierre-Alexandre from Beho, born 1 Dec 1812 of P-Julien and M-Jeanne DETRUNOIX – Went to Portugal to the service of Dona-Maria. Had been exempted from 1831 to 1833 as volunteer.

HONVELEZ, Charles, from Wardin, born on 5 Jul 1814 of Jean-Pierre and Anne-Jeanne HENRION - Absent for the past 14 to 15 months. Nobody knows where he is.

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